FIGHTING ALLIED SPEECHES See Pages 4 and 6

LATE NIGHT FINAL

RICKSHAW BRAND CEYLON TEA

CHINA MAIL

OLDEST NEWSPAPER IN THE FAR EAST. ESTABLISHED 1845.

No. 310,36 WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 1940 Price: 10 Cts.

INSIST ON Daisy Brand Australia's Choicest BUTTER

Germans Concentrating On Drive To Channel

CAMBRAI STILL IN ALLIED HANDS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

MILITARY QUARTERS STATE THE MAIN GERMAN EFFORTS ARE UNDOUBTEDLY DIRECTED TOWARDS THE CHANNEL PORTS, WITH THE AIM OF CUTTING OFF COMMUNICATIONS OF THE NORTHERN WING OF THE ALLIED ARMIES.

The British Expeditionary Force is fighting well on the positions assigned to it. Authoritative quarters declare it is impossible to give a clear picture of the general situation on the western front.

The French forces covering Laon, 70 miles north-east of Paris, were yesterday ordered to evacuate, but all German efforts to press forward since their occupation of the town have been easily thrown back.

The line of the Aisne is secure at all points, and the severest fighting is taking place north of the Somme, round Cambrai which is in Allied hands.

Occupation of Arras and Amiens by German forces came as a shock, but it is pointed out that in the present stage of the battle, in a war of manœuvre and counter-manœuvre, infiltrations of this nature cannot always be prevented.

The German troops at these two towns are in a highly precarious position unless the narrow gaps through which the ground forces passed can be considerably widened. They may cause much disorganisation, but cannot hold on except they get support from large forces.

The French are loud in their praise for the magnificent work of the R.A.F. which they say will go down in history as an example of heroic triumph over tremendous odds. They have intervened at critical stages of the battle on several occasions to smash the resoluteness of German attacks.—Havas.

Rhythm Of Attacks

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The German attacks are continuing with their by now well-known rhythm—a push forward one day and then relative quiet.

Monday was apparently used to organise the supply of their five or six mechanised and armoured divisions.

(Continued on Page 20.)

VON EPP SEES IL DUCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

Mussolini yesterday received General von Epp, leader of the German Colonial League.—Havas.

DIPLOMATIC TALKS IN WASHINGTON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, conferred at length yesterday with the British and French Ambassadors on the recent developments on the Western Front.—Havas.

B.E.F. IN FIERCE FIGHTING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

While no official confirmation has been received of the German capture of Abbeville military quarters assert that the German light elements who captured Amiens and Arras number only a few thousands.

Very fierce fighting is now proceeding between the British and German forces.

Strenuous fighting is also proceeding in the Cambrai region, where all German efforts have been stopped.

The French forces are now taking up new positions from which they have repulsed all German attempts to cross the Aisne either east or west or at Rethel itself.

The lines along the Somme are equally well held.

From the Somme to the Rhine the French army is in perfect condition and is settling down and organising itself, in the face of German attacks, with the maximum chance of success.—Havas.

(Continued from next Column.)

destroyed and over these bridges passed German armoured divisions which completely disorganised troops still in process of deployment.

Not First Time

But, said M. Reynaud, this is not the first time we have been surprised. At the outset of the last war we found ourselves at tremendous disadvantage in heavy artillery and machine-guns. Then there came the treacherous weapon of gas.

"We overcame those surprises then and we shall do it again."—Havas.

HOW NINTH ARMY FAILED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

During his address to the Senate yesterday, M. Reynaud was highly critical of the collapse of the defence of the Meuse which permitted the German break-through and creation of the "bulge."

He explained that when Germany invaded Belgium, the French and British troops moved rapidly into Belgium using Sedan as the pivot of the deployment.

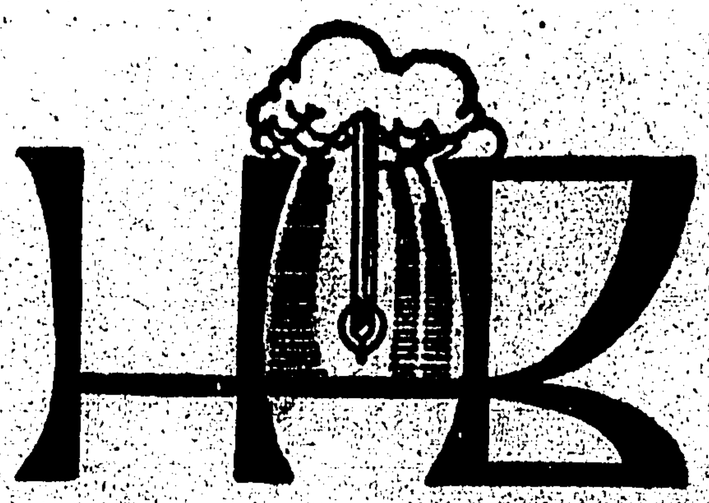
Although they had the shortest distance to cover to reach their alloted position, more than half the French troops on the Namur-Sedan sector had not reached the Meuse when the German blow was struck.

As a result, many bridges were not

(Continued at foot of preceding Col.)

WEATHER FORECAST:—East winds, fresh; cloudy, probably some rain.

HAVE AN H.B.—



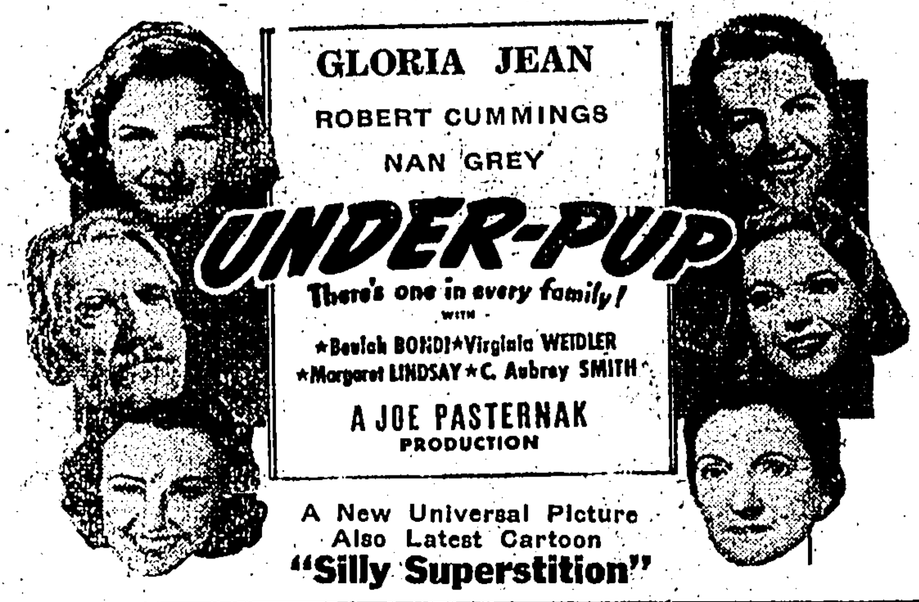
—AND THEN TRY!

SHOWING TO-DAY

KING'S AIR-CONDITIONED THEATRE

AT 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 & 9.30 P.M.

WE GUARANTEE . . . To refund to any patron who does not agree that "The Under-Pup" is Grand Entertainment!



NEXT CHANGE: 20th Century Fox Picture

ELSA MAXWELL'S "HOTEL FOR WOMEN" with Ann Sothern—Linda Darnell—James Ellison.

4 SHOWS DAILY 2.30 - 5.20 7.20 - 9.30

MAJESTIC THEATRE

NATHAN ROAD KOWLOON TEL. 57222

MATINEES 20c - 30c • EVENINGS 20c - 30c - 50c - 70c

• FINAL SHOWINGS TO-DAY •

A Thrilling Action-Drama of "Secret Service"!

Added Attraction:
LATEST MOVIETONE NEWS
Directly After The King's Theatre

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, SATURDAY

The Most Terrifying Historical Drama of All Time!

DARK FASCINATING SECRETS LURK BEHIND THESE GRIM TOWERS!

Original screenplay by Robert N. Lee • Produced and Directed by ROWLAND V. LEE
A ROWLAND V. LEE PRODUCTION • A NEW UNIVERSAL PICTURE

MR. MORRISON'S CALL FOR LAST OUNCE OF EFFORT

London, To-day.

THE CALL OF MR. HERBERT Morrison, Minister of Supply, to the nation to put its last ounce of strength into the production of arms and the nation's response to it formed the theme of many editorials in yesterday's British Press.

In the past few days, says the "News Chronicle," there has been an upward surge of determination. Everyone feels that the new Government is getting right down to the job of fighting the war with the last ounce of strength.

The will to victory is striking. The workers believe they will get a fair deal, and there never has been such solidarity as in Britain to-day.

The Labour "Daily Herald" says that the Cabinet will hear the views of its Labour members, and Labour M.P.'s must interpret this to the nation.

The "Daily Mail" calls for a 24-hour day in war industries. The one shift system in the armaments factories must be abolished. No vested interests—capital or labour—must be allowed to hamper the war effort, as we are rapidly approaching a situation in which the whole life of the country may have to be conscripted.

Man-Power Mobilisation

The "Manchester Guardian" says the most serious inadequacy has been in the mobilization of man-power. Here Mr. Bevin, the new (Labour) Minister of Labour, can do much to secure the co-operation of Unions and to hasten the co-ordination of all branches of national service.—Reuter.

TWO BRITISH NAVAL LOSSES

London, To-day.

In addition to the cruiser Effingham, which struck an uncharted rock off Norway and was lost, without casualties, the Admiralty also announces the loss of a small mine-layer, H.M.S. Princess Victoria.

She sank after hitting an enemy mine.

Casualties totalled 34 officers and men.—Reuter.

RECRUITING IN COLONIES

LONDON, TO-DAY.

ASKED WHETHER HE WOULD CONSIDER SUPPLEMENTING BRITISH MANPOWER BY RECRUITING COLOURED FIGHTING MEN FROM THE COLONIES AND PROTECTORATES, AND AS TO HOW FAR THEY COULD BE EQUIPPED AND TRAINED IN EACH COLONY BEFORE BEING SENT TO FRANCE, MR. ANTHONY EDEN, THE WAR MINISTER, SAID:

"Voluntary enlistment of men in the colonies and protectorates has been proceeding and it is expected that the majority will for the presen tbe required for military duties in those territories, thus discharging important function which otherwise would have to be performed by British troops. The men are receiving training and equipment locally.—Reuter.

CHINA TYPEWRITERS & CO.

Dealers in new and rebuilt Typewriters of leading makes, Carbon Paper, Ribbons, Adding Machines, &c. Typewriters sold, exchanged, rented or repaired at moderate prices. UNDERTAKE TO OIL-CLEAN TYPEWRITERS FOR $4.00 PER ANNUM. Satisfaction guaranteed. CHINA BUILDING, 7TH FL., QUEEN'S ROAD, C. Tel. 32752.

4 SHOWS DAILY 2.30-5.15 7.15-9.30

TAKE ANY TRAM OR HAPPY VALLEY BUS

ORIENTAL THEATRE

FLEMING ROAD WANCHAI TEL. 28473

LAST 4 TIMES TO-DAY

CARE-FREE RHYTHM—LAUGHTER—ROMANCE

Bubbling over with fun, gay melodies, charming music and latest song hits.

RADIO'S FAMOUS STARS!

FOR TO-MORROW AND FRIDAY

ALEXANDER KORDA'S EPIC OF THE R.A.F.

BRITAIN'S DEATH DEALING ANSWER TO PLANES OVER LONDON!

ALEXANDER KORDA presents THE LION HAS WINGS

with MERLE OBERON-RALPH RICHARDSON

LOWELL THOMAS, NARRATOR

MATINEES: 20c. 30c EVENINGS: 20c. 30c. 50c. 70c.

"NAGASAKI JOE" SENT TO PRISON

Ohta Tianosuke, restaurant keeper, trading as Nagasaki Joe, Wanchai, was this morning sentenced to nine months' hard labour by Sir Atholl MacGregor this morning for wounding his wife on March 2.

Accused pleaded guilty through Mr. D. J. N. Anderson on the charge of wounding, while the charge of wounding with intent was withdrawn.

Mr. Anderson said accused had been in the Colony for a long time. He took over management of the restaurant some years ago. He was not an habitual drinker but did at times take drink for which he was the worse.

The attack was not entirely unprovoked. He was pushed out the room and told to go to bed. He had been drinking.

This was his first offence of any kind during his 23 years as restaurant keeper. The peculiar nature of his work was dependant on his personality and there had never been any trouble with the authorities.

PROFOUNDLY SORRY

There was no risk of a repetition of the offence. He had learnt his lesson and was profoundly sorry. He realised he was fortunate not to be facing a more serious charge.

His married life had been normal and happy and his wife was prepared to carry on with him. Accused was no longer a young man and though he got drunk at times he had led a decent life for 23 years.

The ends of justice would, he suggested, by met by a fine and a bond.

The evidence, said Sir Atholl MacGregor, showed that, from time to time, accused voluntarily got drunk and then became quarrelsome. He had not taken any real steps to break the habit. There seemed to be no provocation. It was only reasonable for his wife, seeing him pacing up and down the floor, to tell him to go to bed and push him.

There was no justification for the use of a dangerous weapon.

He would take into consideration the forgiving attitude of the wife. A prison term would re-act on the wife, but he could not impose a fine. Sentence of nine months' hard labour was imposed.

COLONIAL OFFICE MEDICAL ADVISER

London, To-day.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies has appointed Professor Sir Wilson Jameson, Dean of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, as his medical adviser succeeding Dr. A. J. R. O'Brien.

The appointment will take effect on June 1.

By arrangement with the Governing Body of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Sir Wilson Jameson will continue to act as Dean of the School.—British Wireless.

LEARN DANCING IN 6 HOURS

Rapid easy lessons. Beginners—A speciality. Advanced course. Modern Ballroom Dancing, Tango, Tap. Expert Tuition.

TONY'S DANCE STUDIO
6th Fl., China Bldg., 616
Tel. 30933

QUEEN'S THEATRE
HONGKONG. DAILY AT 2·30-5·15-7·20-9·30 P.M. TEL. 31453

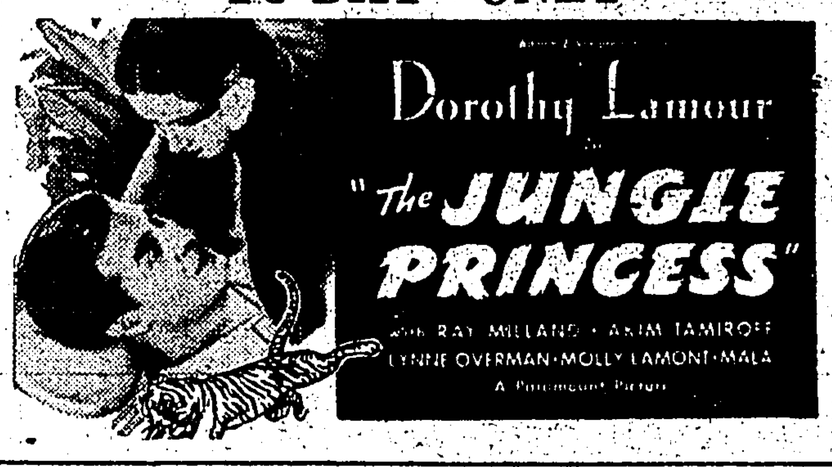
• TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW •

It's great to be alive! It's great to be in love! It's great to be "SEVENTEEN"!

FRIDAY

STAR THEATRE
HANKOW RD. KOWLOON. DAILY AT 2·30-5·20-7·20-9·20 TEL. 57795

• TO-DAY ONLY •



TO-MORROW : Barbara Stanwyck—Herbert Marshall in "ALWAYS GOODBYE"

ALHAMBRA THEATRE
NATHAN RD. KOWLOON DAILY AT 2·30-5·20-7·20-9·30. TEL. 56856

• SHOWING TO-DAY •

A SPY DRAMA! ABSORBING! INTRIGUING!

DOUBLE CRIME in the MAGINOT LINE
starring
VICTOR FRANCEN
with
VERA KORENE
Directed and Produced by FELIX GANDERA
Released by Tower Pictures

• NEXT CHANGE •

TAKE ANY TRAM or HAPPY VALLEY BUS.
TEL 28000 CATHAY WANCHAI
DAILY AT 2.30, 5.15, 7.20, & 9.30 P.M.
MATINEES:—20c., 30c., 40c. EVENINGS:—20c., 30c., 50c., 70c., 80c.

■ TO-DAY, ONE DAY ONLY! ■

TO-NIGHT'S DINNER
Grape-Fruit Cocktail
Tomato Bouillon
Broiled Herring Maitre d' Hotel
Chicken Liver Chasseur
Roast Leg of Lamb, Mint Sauce
Chateau Potatoes
Green Peas in Butter
Banana Short Cake
Fruit
Tea or Coffee
Price $1.75

ST. FRANCIS HOTEL
QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL.

* TO-MORROW—FRIDAY—SATURDAY *

The Mighty Drama of Submarine Warfare . . . Crammed with Romance . . . Rich with Humor . . . Packed with Tremendous Thrills!

"HELL BELOW"

Robert Montgomery—Madge Evans—Walter Huston
A Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's Re-Issue Production

MR. ALFRED DUFF-COOPER BROADCASTS:

No Cause For Serious Alarm; Still Less For Panic

GERMANS DRIVE FOR THE CHANNEL PORTS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

"THE NEWS IS GRAVE, BUT THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR SERIOUS ALARM, STILL LESS FOR PANIC," DECLARED MR. DUFF-COOPER IN A NATION-WIDE BROADCAST LAST NIGHT.

By the successful employment of a new technique, he said, small bodies of the German Army have succeeded in penetrating for great distances.

"But they are small bodies. The army of Britain and the far greater army of France are still there. They are neither in retreat nor have they suffered heavy loss.

It is impossible to understand what is happening while the battle is still in progress. We hear that one vantage point has been gained, another lost, another regained, and out of these spare scraps of news imagination is inclined to build vast structures of conjecture.

Three facts alone can be definitely stated. They are:

First, the present objective of the enemy is the channel ports, from which he hopes to launch a war upon this island.

Secondly, small parts of his mechanised troops have succeeded in eluding their opponents, in advancing great distances and in coming near to their objective.

Thirdly, the armies of France and Britain are undefeated.

"In enormously superior numbers they occupy the battlefield and the counter-attack, when it comes, should prove formidable.

"The swaying fortunes of the fight matter little.

"It is the end of the battle that counts and as I told you last week, the end of this battle, whatever it may be, cannot entail the defeat of Great Britain and France in the war.

The Old Story

"Meanwhile, it is the old story which has been told again and again and which nevertheless always comes as a surprise to everyone.

"Sudden advance, unexpected weight of attack, initial gains far greater than were expected—it is the story of August, 1914 and of March, 1918, and let us hope it will find the same ending.

"Meanwhile it is for each one of us to play our part. The battle is being brought close to our shores, and each and every one of us is taking part in it. Therefore we are all soldiers and as such must acquit ourselves.

"The first quality of a soldier is courage, a quality in which I am confident we shall not be found lacking.

Danger Of Rumour

"Let me repeat to you the warning against the danger of rumour. I experienced a good example of it myself this afternoon.

"I was told by a perfectly reliable and truthful reporter that the Premier of France had said nothing but a miracle could save his country.

"I could hardly believe that such a stalwart fighter as Reynaud had said anything of the sort but I am afraid I repeated to several other people what I had been told, and it was not until I came to read the actual account that I found he had said something quite different.

"His message was one of supreme confidence; he firmly announced his faith that nothing could defeat the united forces of the French Republic and the British Empire, and added that if to-morrow or at some future date any faint-hearted person were to come to him and say that nothing but a miracle could save France, then he would feel confident that a miracle would be performed because he had faith in the salvation of France.

"I think these grave events will act, indeed they have already acted, as a tonic to the nation.

"I find wherever I go a calm spirit of inflexible determination.

"The House of Commons this afternoon was a very different assembly from what it was before Whitsun.

One Sentiment

"It reminded me of the words of Macaulay "Then none was for a party, then all were for the State."

"Our old party differences, which have often been so bitter in the past and may be so in the future, had been laid aside as playthings for which we had no longer any use.

"Something of so much greater importance had taken their place. There was only one sentiment in the mind of all—a united Commons, united as perhaps it had never been, for the danger is so great and so close."

Mr. Duff-Cooper concluded: We here behind the line must play our part as worthily as those who are keeping watch to-night in the front line or those who may spring to the attack at dawn to-morrow.

"Let them feel and know that behind their steady lines there exists a vast reserve of calm and faithfully united people."—Reuter.

SWEDISH PROTEST TO GERMANY

Stockholm, To-day.

Sweden is protesting to Germany about an incident on Tuesday night.

A German seaplane came over Swedish territory east of Narvik, opened fire at a railway station and killed one man.—Reuter.

U.S. ON HOUR OF GREAT TRIAL

New York, To-day.

The "New York Times" comments: "Germany is trying to divide France from Britain physically as German diplomacy has previously sought to separate the two Allies spiritually.

Of one thing we may be certain, the alliance between France and Britain is unbreakable.

Both peoples have stubborn loyalty; both have a courage which is never more magnificently displayed than in the hour of great trial; both are clear-eyed enough to see that they would be the next inevitable victim of German fury if either of them could be isolated then defeated through the ability of the German army to throw its full strength in one direction or the other.

"In union, too solid to be broken either by terror of total war or offer of treacherous peace, both nations battle for democracy and freedom." —Reuter.

RUMOUR DISPELLED

London, To-day.

It is authoritatively stated in London that there is absolutely no truth in the rumour that the United Kingdom Commercial Corporation, established to promote trade with the Balkans, has been suspended.—British Wireless.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.

"That's J. P. Gotrocks of Wall Street; he's never lost in a transaction, yet!"

SEE ROYAL'S NEW NO. 1 with MAGIC MARGIN

"I don't work as hard as I did—and I do more! Royal's New No. 1 is easier, faster . . ."

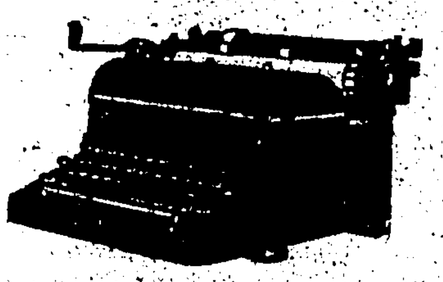
BETTER TYPING

"It's grand to have your boss praise—I mean actually rave over your typing. That's exactly what's happened . . ."

LOWER COSTS

"I've noticed . . . already letters seem to come through right, faster—since we took on the New Royals."

FINEST . . . MOST EFFICIENT TYPEWRITER EVER PRODUCED!



The OFFICE APPLIANCE Co., LIMITED

11, Chater Rd., Ground Fl., York Bldg.

Telephone 34177

ROYAL MORE THAN EVER WORLD'S NO. 1 TYPEWRITER

Here's Luck

EWO BEER

Tel. 30311

R.A.F. DOING ITS JOB SPLENDIDLY

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry announces that on Monday morning Blenheim aircraft made a successful attack on armoured vehicles in the Arras-Cambrai area.

In the afternoon heavy bombing attacks were made in the Arras-Bapaume area.

All our aircraft returned.

During the night a large force of R.A.F. bombers attacked troop concentrations in the Cambrai-Le Cateau-St. Quentin area.

In the Forest of Nuvion, north of the Aisne, a successful attack was made on enemy troops and several large fires started.

From these operations five of our aircraft failed to return.

Yesterday our bomber and fighter aircraft were continuously engaged in operations over a confused fighting front in Belgium and northern France.—Reuter.

Repeated Attacks

London, To-day.

German troops moving over the battlefield of Arras, Bapaume, St. Quentin and Cambrai were subjected to repeated attacks by R.A.F. aircraft through Monday night, states the Air Ministry news service.

Tanks, armoured cars, troops, transport and other reinforcements were vigorously attacked.

A section of Blenheim bombers located and attacked a mile long procession of motor transport.

One aircraft, becoming aware of the movement of troops in the Forest of Mouvion, dropped a number of bombs and within a few minutes a raging fire spread over a wide area.

Near Le Cateau a convoy of heavy lorries was bombed at the head and in the centre, and the scene of disorder was added to by sweeping the convoy with machinegun fire.

Outside Le Cateau two hits were made on a train.—Reuter.

DUKE OF GLOUCESTER INJURED SLIGHTLY DURING BOMBING

London, To-day.

It is learned in London that the Duke of Gloucester was for three successive nights in areas in France which were heavily bombed, suffering scratches caused by bomb splinters and having both hands badly bruised.

The Duke and Duchess visited Mansion House yesterday to hear the progress of the Red Cross Fund and stayed to tea with the Lord Mayor.—Reuter.

MR. CHURCHILL AND GENERAL IRONSIDE SEE THE KING

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, was received in audience by the King at Buckingham Palace last night.

The King also received General Sir Edmund Ironside, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, in audience at the Palace.—Reuter.

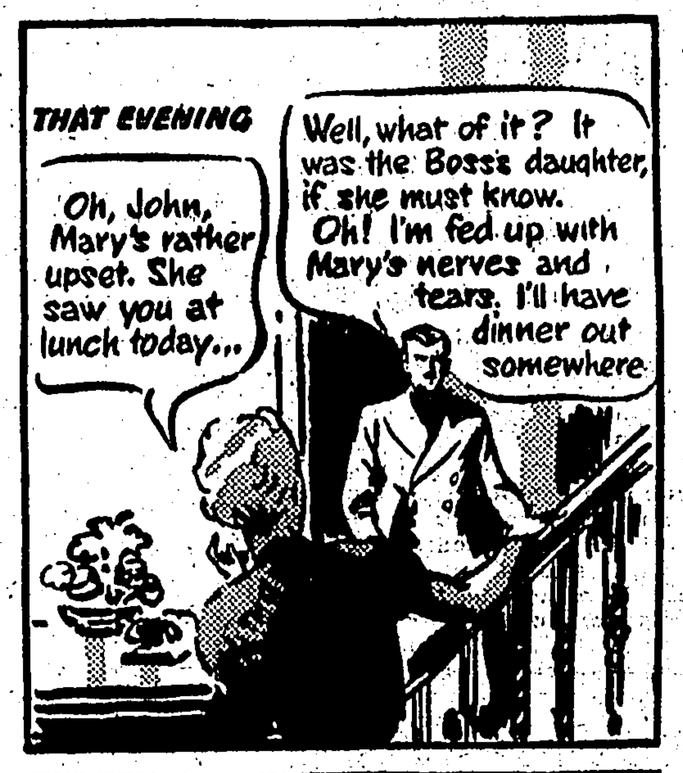
CIVILIAN NURSING SERVICES IN BRITAIN

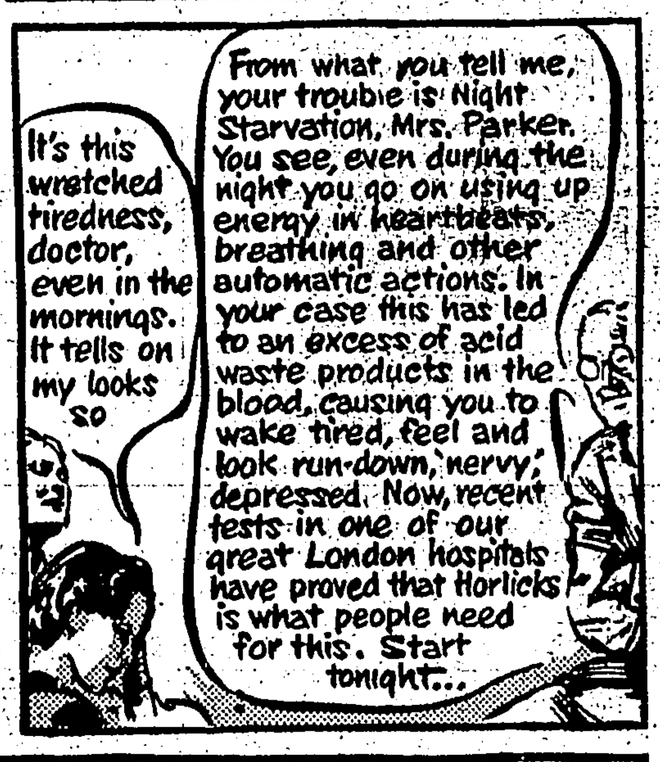
London, To-day.

The Minister of Health is arranging a reciprocal pool of civilian nursing services so that they can be sent to any part of the country where a need arises.—Reuter.

MOTHERS ARE OFTEN PEACEMAKERS

Mother and daughter are lunching together in town, when they see the daughter's husband in the same restaurant, but not alone . . .





Mary took Horlicks regularly every night and soon all her tiredness and 'nerves' had disappeared. She felt so much stronger inside herself.

Do you feel worn out, depressed and nervy?
Do you even wake tired?

Take HORLICKS

Guard Against NIGHT STARVATION

Then you will sleep soundly — wake refreshed—and have extra energy all day

K4

Fighting Speech By French Prime Minister

'COUNTRY IN DANGER..' BUT ALLIES CANNOT BE BEATEN

Paris, To-day.

"IF PEOPLE SHOULD SAY to me that a miracle is needed to save France, I would say 'I believe in miracles,' for I believe in France. France and England cannot be beaten. They cannot die," said M. Paul Reynaud, Premier, in the French Senate yesterday.

Referring to the perfect collaboration existing between himself, Marshal Petain and General Weygand, he said:—"We must have confidence in our great leader, our soldiers and our airmen."

The country was in danger and he would tell the truth.

The French divisions on the Meuse were not numerous and the best troops had been sent to Belgium. Bridges on the Meuse had not been blown up; the mistake would not go unpunished.

"Since this morning Arras and Amiens have been occupied by the Germans."

M. Reynaud spoke with great frankness regarding the serious position in which France and the Allies find themselves.

The Premier was supported by his Cabinet, including Marshal Petain, M. Daladier and M. Chautemps.

Formidable Attack

After declaring that Arras and Amiens were in the hands of the Germans, M. Reynaud said: "Belgium, Luxemburg and Holland having been invaded the enemy unleashed a formidable attack upon the French army at Sedan.

"Our divisions were not numerous on the Meuse which was defended by troops under General Corap. Infiltration of the Meuse is easy for mobile troops."

The Premier spoke of the "disorganisation" of the army under General Corap.

When he mentioned the name of Petain, however, the Senators called out "At last" and, rising from their seats, applauded the victor of Verdun.

"Having made a breach the enemy's motorised divisions went through. The German advance has continued and since this morning Arras and Amiens have been occupied.

New Conception

"Our traditional conception of how the war is waged has been thrown down for a new one—motorised raids in depth and parachutists."

M. Reynaud then reminded the House of 1914.

"We ended by gaining the upper hand after our first reverses.

"Every man and every woman must understand the greatness of the hour in which we are living. May certain people not understand it too late.

"Two men who had the right to rest on their laurels have placed themselves at the service of the country—Weygand and Petain.

Foch's Man

"Weygand is Foch's man who stopped the German army in 1918. He is to-day on the battlefield.

"Between Petain and Weygand there is absolute understanding. No weakness will be tolerated. There will be no more dilatory procedure with regard to traitors, saboteurs and cowards.

"I have told you the truth. Let us have confidence in our great leader and in our soldiers. Our aviators are covering themselves with glory.

"I thank the Royal Air Force. (Here the Senators stood up and cheered loudly).

"These two great people, two great Empires, cannot be beaten. They cannot die."

Army's Morale

After his reference to the loss of Arras and Amiens, M. Reynaud asked: "How have we got to this point? Is the moral value of our army in doubt? Not at all. The fighting which occurred in Belgium during the first days proved it.

"The truth is our classic conception of the conduct of war has come up against a new conception.

"That conception includes not only the massive use of heavy armoured divisions or co-operation between them and aeroplanes but the creation of disorder by parachutists.

"I won't speak of false news and telephoned orders to the civil authorities with the object, for example, of causing hurried evacuations.

Not First Surprise

"We must think of the new type of warfare and take an immediate decision.

"This surprise is not the first we have suffered and overcome in our history and ended masters of the situation.

"It will be the same to-day if we all will it—if every soldier understands the immense role he plays, if each workman now working 12 hours a day bends over his machinery with ever more intense energy.

"They are beginning to understand abroad that it is a question of themselves. May they not understand too late."—Reuter.

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE ON AID TO ALLIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

St. Louis, Today.

"If we admit that our security and defence are at stake we cannot take half-measures. If we are justified in spending billions of dollars for the Allies and helping them with our Navy then it would be cowardly not to help them also with also soldiers," declared Mr. Robert Taft in a speech last night.

Mr. Taft, who is one of the Republican candidates at the forthcoming Presidential elections, said that the United States should remain neutral in the European conflict as he considered that participation in the war would result in the destruction of American democracy rather than of German dictatorship.—Havas.

A DARK HOUR IN HISTORY

OTTAWA, TO-DAY.

ADDRESSING THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, THE PREMIER, MR. MACKENZIE KING, ASKED MEMBERS TO REMEMBER THAT "IN THIS, PROBABLY ONE OF THE DARKEST HOURS IN THE HISTORY OF OUR EMPIRE, THE OUTLOOK WAS SIMILARLY BLACK IN 1918 BUT THE BRITISH AND FRENCH TROOPS RALLIED AND WON."

Mr. Mackenzie King declared the situation in France was more serious. He briefly reviewed the situation from communiques received and declared the British and French were working in close co-operation. Their morale was unbroken.

He added: "The gravity of the news precludes the need for any general statement of policy or programme, since the situation is changing every hour—every minute."—Reuter.

OVERTIME IN U.S. ON DEFENCE WORK

Washington, To-day.

All United States Navy establishments have been ordered to speed defence preparations by working additional shifts and by increasing the civilian shipbuilding forces by at least 15,000 within three months.

At present 66 warships, including eight battleships, are being constructed or projected. — Reuter.

THOUSAND SQ. MILES BATTLEFIELD

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent with the B.E.F. somewhere in France)

There is little light which can, at present, be thrown on the multitude of fierce encounters occurring at various places.

The scenes of combat are scattered over an area of about one thousand square miles, some near the frontier and some near the British Zone where one evacuated town was the scene of street fighting yesterday.

It is still impossible to refer to a front.

In the words of an officer who is in a position to know: The British are everywhere 'fighting like hell.'

The spirit of the British Tommy remains as high as ever.

"I saw one lorryload on its way to reinforce one area of the battle, filled with singing men."

The air action continues on the same intensive scale.

"Last night I saw street casualties inflicted by German bombs and no-one can count on a night's rest now."—Reuter.

RIDDLE OF COMMONS SOLVED

London, To-day.

In view of the formation of an Administration embracing three main political parties, the Government has taken advice and is satisfied that the provisions of the Ministers of the Crown Bill, 1937, relating to the payment of salary to the Opposition Leader is in abeyance for the time being.

This intimation was given in the Commons by the Premier at question-time.

Some discussion then arose as to the future procedure in the House in view of the entry of the Opposition into the ranks of the Government and the ruling of the Speaker was sought from several quarters when Mr. Lees Smith (Labour) rose to put a question to the Premier on next week's business, customarily put by the Opposition Leader.

The Speaker cited precedent to the effect that it was the right of the Senior Privy Councillor on the front Opposition Bench to raise future business and in the unprecedented circumstances in which the House found itself, suggested the right of place on the front Opposition Bench should attach to ex-Ministers of all parties.—British Wireless.

BRITAIN AND ITALY

London, To-day.

Sir Wilfred Greene, Master of the Rolls, has left for Rome to renew his contacts with the Italian Government as chairman of the British delegation to the joint Anglo-Italian standing committee which was established on the outbreak of war to provide machinery for discussion of economic matters.—Reuter.

Try our BREAD

CHANTECLER BAKERY

Deliveries to all parts of the Colony

176, Nathan Road, Kowloon. Tel. 50021.

ITALY ON THE BRINK

Rome, To-day.

The cumulative effect of the "now or never" propaganda is preparing the man-in-the-street for what many regard as the inevitable decision — for many now believe Italy's entry into the war is only a question of days.

The war atmosphere has been heightened by increased air activity in all principal centres.

Troops in field kit were marching through Rome yesterday.—Reuter.

HITLER'S HEADQUARTERS ISSUES FULL-DRESS PROPAGANDA COMMUNIQUE

Berlin, To-day.

A HIGH COMMAND COMMUNIQUE dated from the Fuehrer's headquarters states: "The greatest offensive operation of all time is now having operational success after individual tactical success.

'The 9th French Army which was to effect and maintain the communication of the Meuse from Sedan to Namur between the strong enemy forces operating in Belgium and the Maginot Line has been defeated and scattered.

"The General Staff and the former Commander of the 7th French Army, General Giraud, who had taken ever command of the 9th Army, has been taken prisoner.

"German divisions are pouring into the breaches made by the German attack. At their head, the tank corps and motorised troops have taken Arras, Amiens and Abbeville.

"All the enemy, French, British and Belgian, armies north of the Somme have thus been driven back on to the Channel coast.

"In Belgium, our troops are attacking the enemy who had gathered to counter-attack east of Ghent and to the south of the Scheldt. Enemy attacks to find a way out of Valenciennes failed.

"On the southern flank of our attacks, German troops have taken Laon, as already announced, and pressed before the Chemin des Dames as far as the Aisne-Oise canal.

Further Claims

"In a French counter-attack here countless numbers of their tanks have been destroyed.

"Rethel, in which some of the enemy were still resisting, has been taken.

"The German air force played a distinguished part in the victorious advance."

The communique also claims that a French destroyer, the French tanker Niger, the French merchantman Pavon and two other merchantmen were seriously damaged during reconnaissance flights over the French coast.

It adds that on May 20 six transports and tankers, aggregating 43,000 tons, were sunk in the Straits of Dover. Four more ships were seriously damaged.

The communique declares that total enemy losses on Monday were 47 planes while 15 German aircraft are missing.—Reuter.

Admiralty Rebuttal

London, To-day.

On enquiry at the Admiralty regarding the German claims, Reuter was informed that no British transports or tankers were sunk last night in the Straits of Dover by the Germans.—Reuter.

NAZIS RUNNING INTO DANGERS

Gothenburg, To-day.

The "Gothenburgh Posten" says: "The situation changes to the Allies' advantage to the same degree as German armoured divisions spread.

"Then, if not before, the Allies' chance comes.

"General Weygand certainly knows when to grasp the chance."—Reuter.

DUKE OF GLOUCESTER ARRIVES HOME

London, To-day.

Major-General The Duke of Gloucester arrived in London on Tuesday night from France on urgent duty.

He visited the War Office early yesterday morning.

Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands also arrived from France Tuesday evening.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT ON UNITY OF VIEWPOINT IN AMERICA

Washington, To-day.

At his daily press conference yesterday President Roosevelt said enemy planes were sweeping down roads in France with machineguns wide open, taking a death toll of refugees the like of which had never been seen before.

He thought the United States would realise the implications of that method of warfare.

The President enunciated a three-point policy in connexion with general discussion of the defence programme.

Firstly, not a single war millionaire as a result of the war disaster abroad.

Secondly, labour should not seek to take advantage of the current emergency situation.

Thirdly, the Government proposed in no way to weaken the social gains made in the past two years.

Referring to the word "implication," President Roosevelt did not reveal what he thought the implication should be, but remarked that the United States was pretty well united in the current situation and the faster news came from Europe the more united the American people became.

5,000,000 In Flight

He added 5,000,000 women and children were fleeing south in France along a 200 mile front, using every available road, mostly on foot or in carts, with enemy planes gunning them.

President Roosevelt made a very deep impression, even on the hard-boiled pressmen, with his quiet but obviously heart-felt denunciation of the German machine-gunning of fleeing French women, children and old men.—Reuter.

Senator Pepper's Plan

Washington, To-day.

When the Senate began its debate on the Army Supply Bill yesterday, Senator Claude Pepper, one of the Democrat members for Florida, declared the next few days in the European war "may mark a turning point in civilisation."

He submitted a resolution permitting President Roosevelt to sell to the Allies for cash any warplanes now in the possession of the United States Army and Navy.—Reuter.

Observers' Interpretation

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

The press has not been allowed to quote integrally President Roosevelt's words yesterday when he said the United States would understand the significance of the Nazi methods of warfare.

Observers interpret the statement as indication that the United States is becoming more and more unanimous in face of the present position in Europe.—Havas.

COURAGE AND CONFIDENCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

An eloquent appeal to every Frenchman to remain brave and confident of ultimate victory was made yesterday by the chairman of the Senate, Jules Jeanneney.

M. Jeanneney expressed confidence in the French nation's "victorious destiny" and voiced gratitude to the Allied armed forces.

He concluded: "To unfortunate and unhappy Belgium, which twice in 20 years is suffering the horrors of invasion, to the five other nations which are also victims of German barbarity and to the French departements which invasion is again devastating, I send assurances of our active sympathy."—Havas.

SEVERE SHOCK FOR AMERICA

Washington, To-day.

The German claim to have reached the English Channel came as yet another of the series of shocks which have startled the American public in the last fortnight, and it coincides with considerable heart-searching in the press.

The Republicans, who based their isolation policy on the invincibility of the Allies, are assailed for "bully-ragging" the President in past months when they called him an "alarmist" every time he attempted to rouse public opinion to the growing dangers in Europe.

Colonel Lindbergh also comes in for considerable criticism, and he is branded as pro-German because of his characterisation of the Government's defence measures as "hysterical chatter of the calamity of invasion."

Meanwhile, Congress is feverishly pushing the defence legislation through all its stages.

Wild suggestions are being thrown out, including selling the entire United States Army, Navy and Air Forces to the Allies in an effort to halt the "forces of barbarism," and the acquisition of some of the British West Indies as defence bases.—Reuter.

ITALIAN SHIP BOMBED

London, To-day.

The Italian vessel, Fidelitas, two of whose crew were killed and three wounded in a bombing and machine-gun raid at Antwerp reached Cork yesterday.

The ship was prevented by the hostilities from discharging her cargo of grain at Antwerp.

All other ships except four Italians, had left the port when she suffered losses in the bombing raid and she then left for Ireland for safety.—British Wireless.

GAMELIN'S POST NOW SUPPRESSED

Paris, To-day.

General Weygand, with the all-embracing title of Commander-in-Chief of all the allied armies in all theatres of war, has superseded General Gamelin, whose previous post is suppressed.—Reuter.

WHEN FEELING TIRED

there is nothing more invigorating than a cup of Golden Griffin Rejuvenation Tea. Blended from fragrant herbs all of which embody valuable tonic properties,

GOLDEN GRIFFIN REJUVENATION TEA

is both economical and efficacious. It is obtainable in two sizes, $0.75 and $2.00 the large containing four times as much as the small, from chemists and department stores or direct from the Golden Griffin Medicinal Teas Company,

GOLDEN MEDICINAL GRIFFIN TEAS

G. T. FULFORD CO., LTD.
(OF CANADA) Proprietors.

3rd. Floor, St. George's Bldg.
Tel. No. 20358.

Fulford Co., Ltd. sell a separate blend of tea for every ill. Each tea contains not less than twelve distinct ingredients; and they are sold under a money-back guarantee.

BATHING CAPS

NEW DESIGNS

IN ATTRACTIVE COLOURS

DISTINCTIVE, COMFORTABLE and DURABLE

also

BEACH SHOES

IN ALL COLOUR

COMBINATIONS and DESIGNS

at

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD. TEL. 20016.

COME TO WHITEAWAY'S IF YOU WANT
MODERN FOOD MACHINES

'MOULI' FOOD MILL

is the famous French "Moulin-Legume," millions of which are in daily use on the Continent. The conical sieves are interchangeable and enable food to be mashed or strained according to consistency required. The whole machine is absolutely Rust Proof.

Price 7.95 each.

Excellent Recipes Are Given With Each Mill.

WHITEAWAY, LAIDLAW & CO., LTD.

TEE FOR ONE

"Jackson, old boy, congratulate me. Kindly slap me on the back."

"Certainly, my dear fellow, but may I ask you why? You haven't got engaged, I hope?"

"No, no. This is something *really* important. I did the fourteenth in one yesterday. A blow in a million! The swipe to end all swipes!"

"But I don't understand. You look as fit as the proverbial Stradivarius. Were there no celebrations?"

"Celebrations? There's been nothing like it since the Relief of Mafeking."

"Perhaps I'm dense, but I still don't understand. Forgive my bluntness, but where's the hangover?"

"Hangovers? Haven't you heard? There aren't any nowadays. You just drink Gimlets, or take a long glass of Rose's Lime Juice after the jamboree. It's just a question of therapeutic action as a doctor once described it to me."

"So Rose's prevents the mornings after?"

"Really and truly. You know, old boy, you ought to keep a bottle of Rose's in your locker. Some day even you may do a hole in one!"

BLITZKRIEG MOTIVE: CONFIDENCE IN ALLIES

London, To-day.

THE CAIRO PRESS EMPHASISES that Hitler is waging his blitzkrieg because the limited resources of vital materials do not permit Germany to sustain a long war.

The papers express confidence in the Allies' ability to hold back the lightning drive as in 1914-18 and finally to achieve a victory when the limitless resources of the Empires are fully mobilised.

"El Mokattam," discussing Germany's advance with massed mechanised forces, states: "The majority of advantages which till now side with the Germans, will gradually disappear the further they advance from bases and the more Allied reinforcements arrive at points of concentration."

Risking Everything

The "Waf el Masri" says the Germans are exhausted by continual fighting and will soon be lacking petrol. "The Germans launched an attack with all forces and all resources with the hope of obtaining a lightning victory. Their plans, based on the knowledge that their resources are small, do not permit them to sustain a long war."

Pointing out that petrol material is indispensable in modern warfare, the paper says: "The Germans are risking everything in this enterprise because they are using a method unsuitable for a state without inexhaustible supplies of petrol."

Germany had five million tons of petroleum at the beginning of the war and used 1,000,000 tons transporting troops to Poland.

Huge Consumption

Referring to the huge consumption in the present offensive, the journal says: "If Germany continues to consume oil at this rate, there is no doubt at all that she will finish supplies at a near date especially as it is far from the truth that Russia ever did supply her with this vital material."—Reuter.

CANNON FODDER

Just where the German advance will finally be held up it is at present difficult to forecast, for it is obviously being carried along by its original momentum, and it may be some days, or perhaps weeks before the present onrush is finally stopped. While the trials to which the Allies are being subjected are similar to those they experienced during the first few weeks of the last war, it is quite impossible to establish true parallels because of the important, new factors to be found in the aeroplane and the mechanized units. Movement is very much swifter than ever before, and released from their preoccupation in Holland, the German advance may again be speeded up at a time when it was thought that the Allies were very nearly holding it. What has been made very plain is that in this advance the Germans following the practice of the last war have sacrificed large numbers of men in killed and wounded, indicative of the desperate lengths Herr Hitler is prepared to go in his endeavour to obtain a swift and decisive victory. There the parallel with the last war seems to be complete, and the manner in which German youth is being used as cannon fodder is all on a par with the way in which they were sacrificed twenty-six years ago.

It would be highly imprudent to seek to minimise the initial German success, but at the same time foolish to permit an exaggerated idea as to its dimensions to prevail. The Germans had all the advantage of surprise and the treachery of the Nazis in the Netherlands, and they have succeeded in delivering a heavy blow. But this is only the beginning of a battle which judging from the experiences of the past may last for weeks to come. That it will continue until the German momentum is slowed down either by active resistance or the temporary exhaustion of resources, may be taken for granted.—"North China Daily Press."

GIBRALTAR ORDER

Gibraltar, To-day.

Women and children are being evacuated from Gibraltar. The first batches were to leave yesterday for French Morocco; more will follow to-day.

It is officially announced that the Governor had received instructions from the War Cabinet to the effect that owing to the international situation the evacuation of women and children from Gibraltar would be compulsory forthwith at the Governor's discretion.

A separate announcement states there is no need for anxiety regarding the intentions of Spain which has reiterated her strict neutrality.—Reuter.

200,000 NAZI TROOPS IN NORWAY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Two hundred thousand German troops are believed to be in Norway including a mechanised division in southern Norway, according to local Swedish quarters.

The presence of these troops is a constant threat directed against Sweden.

However, the report that the Germans demanded the right to send troops and materials through Sweden to Narvik is denied.—Havas.

AIRCRAFT RUSH ORDER

London, To-day.

Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production, has issued an appeal to all employees on aeroplane production work.

They are asked to work by night and day on full overtime for the present.

Any firm unable to follow this advice for any reason are invited to telegraph Lord Beaverbrook explaining the difficulties, and all possible will be done to smooth them out.—Reuter.

GERMANS IN NEW POSITIONS AT NARVIK

London, To-day.

An official Norwegian communique says that German troops have taken up new positions north of Narvik and that there is fighting half-way between Narvik and Trondheim.—Reuter.

CAPTAIN J. B. E. HALL LOST WITH SHIP

London, To-day.

The Admiralty announces that the minelayer Princess Victoria (Captain J. B. E. Hall) was sunk by an enemy mine. The commanding officer, two officers and 31 ratings are missing and it is feared they have lost their lives.—Reuter.

DRAMATIC NEW DEVELOPMENTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF GERMAN OCCUPATION OF ARRAS AND AMIENS, AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT ONE OF THEIR MECHANISED DETACHMENTS HAS REACHED THE MOUTH OF THE SOMME, AT ABBEVILLE ON THE COAST, REVEALED LAST NIGHT HOW GRIMLY THE SITUATION IS STILL DEVELOPING.

It is stressed however that the dramatic German "advance" must not be misunderstood. The occupation was carried out by the motorised forces and parachute troops only, and the main dispositions are unaffected.

Measures are already being taken to deal with the infiltration.

It is officially and categorically denied in Paris that either General Giraud or his staff have been taken prisoner by the Germans.

The Germans claim to have taken them prisoner when capturing Abbeville.

On Tuesday, the Germans sent light columns and parachute troops far to the west of France, and it is possible that some may have reached this district.

But it is pointed out in Paris that sweeping German claims covering the whole of northern France form part of the "Propaganda Offensive" which is launched side by side with the "Military Offensive."

Except for the heavy fighting around the "bulge," particularly in the Cambrai/Somme sector, it is impossible to deal fully with any fighting zone as such. The Germans make thrusts towards certain towns, often only with motor-cyclists.

They then announce over the radio that they have taken these towns.

In the Sedan area, all attacks have been repulsed. The same applies to Rethel.

Local Engagements

These are all "local engagement," and it is stressed in Paris that the main battle between the French and German Armies has not yet been fought. Most of the really heavy work is being carried out by the air forces.

The whole district behind Cambrai is being set on fire by the Germans with bombs. Parachute troops, too, landed with lighted torches especially at railway stations. The railway stations at Amiens, Arras and certain other points are on fire.—Havas.

"In A Way Graver Than On Monday"

London, To-day.

French official circles in London stated last night that the position on the western front was "in a way still graver than it was on Monday."

They added the German claims to the occupation of Arras and Amiens referred to motorised units only, "but there will be a French reply and we must wait for this."—Reuter.

Drive Towards Channel

London, To-day.

The Nazi drive towards the Channel ports is still being pressed energetically in the north-west and the German High Command yesterday put out claims which are not substantiated in London or Paris.

The Germans have pushed ahead with armoured columns in attempts to take advance positions, bridges, roads and communications. These small columns often go far ahead of the main body and without support of any sort; it is this which is the basis for German claims in the northern district of France.

Yesterday's communique has been further confirmed: British troops are holding firmly to their assigned positions and all attacks in the past 24 hours have been repulsed.—Reuter.

French Communique

Paris, To-day.

A French communique says that in the region north of the Somme the enemy is continuing his pressure in pushing his advance elements as far as Amiens and Arras.

On the rest of the front the situation is unchanged despite local efforts by the enemy.

There is intense activity by our reconnaissance aircraft and bombing formations who, with the collaboration of naval bombing units, have ceaselessly harassed enemy troops on the ground.

The minimum number of enemy planes shot down by French aircraft and A.A. defence alone between May 9 and May 19 is now known to be 308.—Reuter.

Namur Falls, Say Nazis

Berlin, To-day.

The German news agency says it learns from well-informed quarters that the last fort of Namur, which still resisted, has been taken by the Germans—Reuter.

B.E.F. In Good Heart

London, To-day.

Latest reports reaching London show that the B.E.F. is fighting well on the positions assigned to it and is in good heart.

To the south of the British front the situation is still obscure but German claims in this area are known to be based on the limits reached by small mechanised detachments. — Reuter.

Enormous Nazi Losses

Paris, To-day.

A French military spokesman who, a day or two ago said that the ratio of German to Allies losses was 3 to 1 in our favour, said yesterday he would have to revise his estimate.

German losses have been even more considerable that at first thought.—Reuter.

No Official Statement

London, To-day.

No official statement had been made in London up to a late hour on the German High Command communique claiming an advance as far as Abbeville and the disorganisation of the French Ninth Army.

These claims are received here with the greatest reserve pending authoritative information.—British Wireless.

WEYGAND DIRECTING OPERATIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

It is officially disclosed that General Weygand is now in the fighting zone personally directing the operations.—Havas.

PARACHUTE TROOPS BEHIND ALLIED LINES

Paris, To-day.

Parachute troops armed with incendiary equipment and explosives appear to have taken a leading part in the strong German attack launched north of the Somme late on Monday and during the night, according to reports received here.

They made immediately for road junctions, stations and bridges as well as public buildings.

It is pointed out that such troops, even though dropped in large numbers as was the case on Monday night, may create a serious situation but cannot carry out a thorough occupation without the help of considerable ground forces, especially infantry.

Monday night's attack seems to have been aimed rather at weakening Allied resistance than obtaining an immediately decisive result.

The ground part of the attack was led by motor-cyclists and light armoured units boldly launched to the westward.—Reuter.

ONLY LIGHT ELEMENTS THROUGH

Paris, To-day.

Declaring that General Weygand is now on the battlefield and taking all necessary decisions, the French military spokesman said last night:—

"The outcome must be awaited and can be awaited with much confidence despite the exceptional note of gravity in the situation."

He added that battle had not been joined between the British and German forces.

Another battle was still raging at Cambrai where despite the enemy's continued attacks to-day (Tuesday) Allied troops have resisted magnificently.

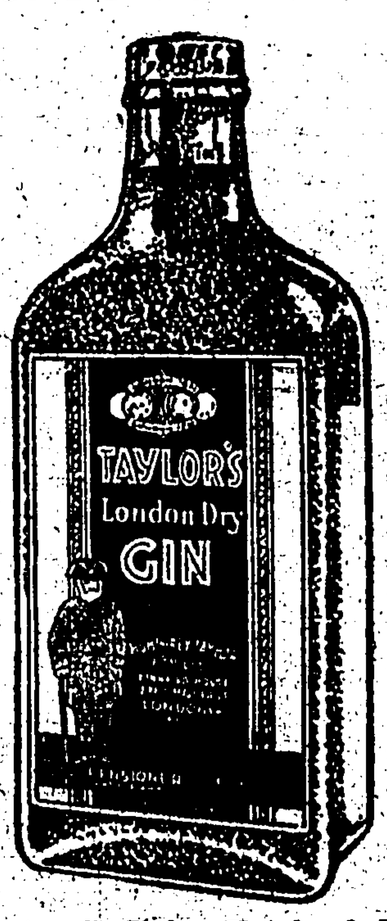
The German elements which succeeded in infiltrating through the bottom of the "pocket" are only light elements.

"The Amiens and Arras areas are occupied only by a few thousand men, not by an army.

"On the remainder of the front, the French are installed on positions chosen by the High Command. A few enemy attacks west of Rethel and on Rethel met with no success."—Reuter.

TAYLOR'S LONDON OLD TOM & DRY GIN.

SUPERLATIVE QUALITY



Obtainable at all Clubs, Hotels & Wine Stores.

Sole Agents:—

GANDE, PRICE & CO., LTD.

St. George's Building, 2, Ice House Street,

Tel. 20135. HONG KONG.

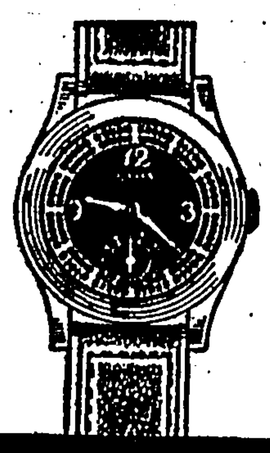
THE 2ND ANNIVERSARY'S

GREAT SALE 利得亨

More Than 1000 Different Styles of Watch Less 15% dis.

SPECIAL PRICE !

"OMEGA" Open Face Pocket Watch. 15j. $25.00
"CYMA" Open Face Pocket Watch. 10j. $17.50
"POLAR" Open Face Pocket Watch. 15j. $13.50
Gtleman's Wrist Watch, Steel Case. 15j. Rectangular Shape. "Malecon" $16.00
Gtleman's Wrist Watch, Steel Case. 15j. Round Shape, "Opal" ..... $ 9.50
Lady's Wrist Watch, 15 jewels lever ..... $ 9.50



BII Shade Crooke's Lens "Round" $4.00
BII Shade Crooke's Lens "Ful-Vue" $5.20
American Goggles Sun Glass from 80 cts. up

Early selection advisable to avoid disappointment.

HUNTLEY WATCH COMPANY
NO. 148 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL • TEL: 27684

REGIMENTAL BADGE BROOCHES.
"SECOND TO NONE IN THE ORIENT"

THE
H.K.V.D.C. BADGE BROOCH
GOLD & ENAMEL

Obtainable at "FALCONERS"
PEDDER STREET TELEPHONE 22143

EAT AT—
Jimmy's Kitchen
INEXPENSIVE SATISFYING

ENGLISH NOT SPOKEN BY JUROR

LAU YAU, DESCRIBED AS A MERCHANT OF THE YING WING FOUNDRY, APPEARED BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE THIS MORNING FOR NOT ANSWERING HIS NAME WHEN CALLED AS A JUROR YESTERDAY.

To the surprise of all, Lau told His Honour through the interpreter; "That he could not understand a word of what was said."

He explained that his name was included in the jury list by a clerk who put the names of all the staff on the form.

Lau said he came to court yesterday at 4.20 p.m.

In dismissing Lau, His Honour told him to tell his clerk to be more careful with forms in future or he, the clerk, would find himself answering questions in court.

WAR OFFICE CASUALTY LIST OF 724

London, To-day.

A total of 724 names—96 officers and 628 other ranks—appear in the fourth War Office casualty list. The largest number under the various classifications appears under the heading "died," namely 41 officers and 525 men. The list includes five women who died in service.—Reuter.

MACHINE-GUNNING OF SWEDISH RLY. STATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

The railway station machinegunned by a German plane in Swedish Lapland was Vassijaure. Fifty persons were waiting for a train at the time. Swedish anti-aircraft guns went into action east of Disko, in Stordalen province.—Havas.

TREACHERY BILL TO BE RUSHED THROUGH

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, stated in the Commons yesterday that the Treachery Bill would pass all stages to-day.

Lord Caldecote, in the House of Lords, said the Bill would pass all stages there on Thursday.—Reuter.

SNATCHER SENTENCED

Lai Siu-wan, 26, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. R. Edwards this morning, for the theft of a handbag in Des Voeux Road Central yesterday.

SNATCHING ATTEMPT

Miss A. Larm, of No. 28, Bowring Street, was walking in Pokfulam Road about 10.50 a.m. yesterday, when a Chinese attempted to snatched her handbag. He ran away when she raised an alarm.

FALL FROM ROOF

A 29-year-old married woman, Liu Chan, was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday after a fall from the roof of No. 116, Jaffe Road.

U.S. PLANS FOR VAST AIR FORCE

Washington, To-day.

A naval air strength of not less than 10,000 planes and 16,000 pilots is proposed in legislation introduced by the chairmen of the naval committees of the Senate and House of Representatives.

This action was taken after a joint conference with President Roosevelt and ranking admirals.

In a joint statement, Senator Walsh and Representative Vinson declared the President proposed to use $100,000,000 for naval aviation facilities and personnel.

Legislation would also be introduced requesting an additional $125,000,000 for the establishment and development of naval air bases.

Both committees struck at Fifth Column activities, particularly approving measures to dismiss suspected workers and soldiers.—Reuter.

COST OF AN AIR FORCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

Major-General Henry Arnold, Chief of the American Air Force, stated that the construction of an air force numbering 50,000 machines would cost more than $3,500,000,000 annually.

He added that such a large number of planes was unusual even in modern warfare.

Germany he pointed out, used 6,000 machines from a total of 24,000 or 30,000.—Havas.

ANTI-PARACHUTE FORCES TAKE UP ACTIVE DUTIES

London, To-day.

The Chatham Division of the local defence organizations which have been formed in Britain to deal with parachutists and other saboteurs went on active duty last night, after being inspected by Admiral Brownrigg, their commander.

In the Channel Islands, Jersey has decided to set up a similar organization.—Reuter.

BROKER ACCUSED

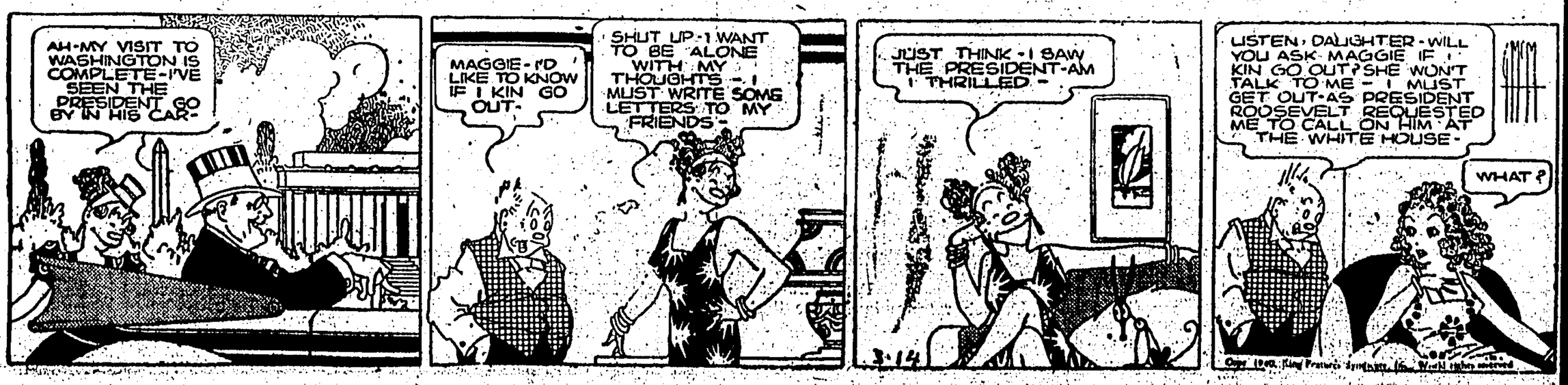
Wong Kwok-tsam, alias Wong Shek-chuen, 51, broker, was before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, charged with possession of 500 counterfeit ten cent pieces at No. 97, Thomson Road, first floor, yesterday.

Mr. G. S. Ford pleaded not guilty on behalf of defendant.

Hearing was fixed for May 30.

Bail of $5,000 was allowed. Detective Sergeant J. Bentley is in charge of the case.

Bringing Up Father By George McManus



DELICATE SHANGHAI SITUATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

"Japan is ready to take appropriate measures to prevent the spread of the European hostilities to the Far East while at the same time continuing her policy of non-involvement in the conflict."

This statement was made by Rear-Admiral Seji Takeda, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese special landing party, during a meeting with the commanders of the British, French, Italian and American garrisons here, according to the local Japanese paper "Tairku Shimpo."

Rear-Admiral Takeda called the meeting in his capacity of senior commander of the foreign defence forces here in anticipation of the delicate situation likely to arise in Shanghai in case Italy enters the war against Britain and France.

Rear-Admiral Takeda proposed joint defence action by the garrisons to prevent any outbreak of disturbances in the Shanghai area.—Havas.

JAPANESE SILK SHIPMENTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

TOKYO, TO-DAY.

PARADOXICALLY ENOUGH JAPANESE SHIPMENTS OF SILK TO EUROPE WERE ROUGHLY DOUBLE DURING APRIL COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH IN 1939, REACHING 5,453 BALES, THOUGH THEY DECLINED COMPARED WITH THE FIGURES FOR MARCH.

Value of Japan's exports of raw silk to all parts of the world during April amounted to almost 31,000,000 yen, representing a 14 per cent. increase over April, 1939.

In volume, total exports of raw silk amounted roughly to 18,000 bales, 29 per cent. less than in April, 1939. — Havas.

"BRIDE" SCHOOL CLOSES DOWN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

The "bride school," which instructed prospective brides on how to run a household on the slim income of 50 yen a month, has been forced to close owing to the mounting cost of living, Mrs. Honda, president and originator of the movement, told the press yesterday.

The school was established in 1936 and trained young brides to get along with 50 yen.

The school is to re-open with a new slogan—"Live on whatever one has and live temperately"—which the promoters think is well in keeping with the times.—Havas.

WELFARE OF THE WEST INDIES

London, To-day.

Mr. A. J. Wakefield, Director of Agriculture in Tanganyika Territory, has been selected for appointment as Inspector-General of Agriculture in the West Indies.

He will be a member of the organisation to be established under the Comptroller for the planning, supervision and execution of schemes of development welfare in West Indies. — British Wireless.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that a weak anticyclone persists over south Japan and the Pacific to the eastward. The depression remains over Indo-China and the northern China Sea.

EIGHTH ROUTE ARMY ACCUSED IN CHUNGKING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.

Strong action against the Eighth Route Army is demanded by the "Sao Tang Pao" in connexion with the Hopei famine.

The paper alleges the famine was brought about by the activities of the Communist army as well as the Japanese.

The Eighth Army, the paper claims, started to commandeer foodstuffs in November, 1937, when they entered the province. More than 600,000 piculs of wheat were taken from the people in that year and 1,500,000 piculs in 1938.

Last year, the paper alleges, more than half the crops were expropriated by the Red Army.

The paper further charges that relief work was prevented by the Reds and reports the following instance:

"The Central Government did not neglect the hunger-stricken Hopei people and appropriated $200,000 for emergency relief and a further $1,500,000 for ordinary relief. The Relief Commission collected $300,000.

Interference Alleged

"However relief work could not be carried out owing to interference by the Eighth Army.

"Relief staffs sent to Hopei by the Government were prevented from accomplishing their mission. Twenty out of 21 members of the staffs were murdered by the Communist Army."

The paper urges the Government to instruct the Eighth Army immediately to release the foodstuffs.—Havas.

A.A. FIRE OFF DOVER

London, To-day.

Intense anti-aircraft fire occurred twice yesterday afternoon off the south-east coast.

Before and after the firing the drone of aircraft engines was heard high overhead.

The sound seemed to come from the Channel south of the Straits of Dover and it appeared it was anti-aircraft guns at that point which had been in action.—Reuter.

PICNIC SPECIALS

Plan your weekend tiffin around these suggestions. Cooked ready to serve, they'll prove an appetising attraction to family and guests!

Veal and Ham, Pork and Beefsteak Pies, Pressed Tongue, Pressed Beef, Pressed Pork, Jellied Brisket, Jellied Tongue, and Stuffed Roast Leg of Pork.

COMPLETE LINE OF SAUSAGES ALWAYS IN STOCK.

HAVE YOU TRIED OUR NEW MEAT AND FISH PASTES?

25 cents per quarter lb.

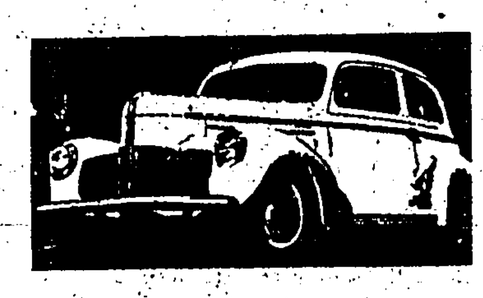
THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

PURE FOOD SPECIALISTS.

SEE AND TRY THE NEW 1940

STUDEBAKER CHAMPION

WORLD'S FINEST CAR IN THE LOW PRICED FIELD!



HONGKONG HOTEL GARAGE

Stubbs Road Phone 27778-9

FOLLOW THE CROWD TO—

OLYMPIC GRAND CIRCUS

Located at Mongkok —Opp. Fire Station.

NIGHTLY AT 9.15 P.M.

New Thrills!

New Attractions!

New Sensations!

SPECIAL MATINEE TO-DAY AT 3 P.M.

SEE the Jungle King in a single handed battle with the most ferocious brutes alive . . . . . a spectacle that will thrill old and young alike.

SEE the herd of performing elephants and one of the smallest Shetland ponies alive in one gigantic act.

OUR clowns are the world's most merriest jesters. . . . they will make you laugh till your sides ache.

Advance Booking at S. Moutrie & Co., Ltd.

Children half prices to all seats.

EMPRESS LUXURY

Speed across the Pacific by luxurious *Empress* liners, then . . . . Victoria . . . . stop over if you wish . . . and Vancouver in Canada's Evergreen playground.

NEXT SAILING FROM HONGKONG
SECOND WEEK IN JUNE
(Omitting Honolulu)

Fast through *AIR CONDITIONED* trains from ship's side at Vancouver take you through the Majestic Canadian Rockies—Lake Louise, Banff—600 miles of travel through Marvelous Mountain Scenery. Niagara Falls and the Great Lakes can be included as optional routes on your coast-to-coast trip. Stop over anywhere you wish.

Then Montreal and Quebec, gay French-speaking cities on the famous St. Lawrence Seaway, and a quick crossing to Europe by one of Canadian Pacific's Atlantic fleet.

NEXT SAILING TO MANILA
THE FIRST WEEK IN JUNE

For Full Information Consult Your Travel Agent
OR

Union Building
Hong Kong
Telephone 20752

Canadian Pacific
World's Greatest Travel System

GOVERNMENT PUSHES ON WITH COLONIES BILL

London, To-day.

MR. MALCOLM MACDONALD, Minister of Health and former Colonies Minister, yesterday moved the second reading of the Bill authorising expenditure of £5,000,000 a year for ten years for colonial development and welfare and £500,000 a year on colonial research, as well as remitting loans amounting to over £11,000,000 from the United Kingdom to the colonies.

He said it was characteristic that while every ounce of our energy was being thrown in the tasks of discomfiting, defeating and destroying the enemy, yet the House found time to turn and offer substantial and generous encouragement to colonial development.

"At this critical hour of the world, mark the passage of this Bill through the British Parliament as a sign of ultimate victory.

"This nation will pass triumphantly through its present ordeal, however hard, grim and desperate the struggle may be, and when the enemy is worsted and the war finished, Britain will still exercise vast responsibilities for the government of colonial peoples.

"In the meantime we must not default upon our colonial obligations. We must not let slip the experienced skill of our guiding hand, we must even now have constant care to protect and promote the well-being of our fellow subjects in the Empire overseas.

True Guardians

"In these sombre days our anxieties and hopes are fully shared by the peoples of the colonies. It seems to me that one of the most notable assurances that our cause is just is the fact that these distant peoples, alien to us in race, who are ruled by us, sprang instantly and spontaneously to our side at the moment of the declaration of war.

"There are some 50 colonial territories. Most of them are far removed from the scene of our European quarrels. Many of them are comparatively small communities who, in these circumstances, might well have thought to excuse themselves from suffering the hazards and dangers of modern war. But not one of them chose to take that course.

"I think it significant that these 60,000,000 people, scattered over 50 distant territories, who are not free to govern themselves and who are governed by us, recognise instinctively from that experience that we are the true guardians of the liberties and happiness of small peoples."

Not Bribe Or Reward

Nevertheless the proposals for assistance towards colonial development were not a bribe or a reward for the colonies support in the present supreme crisis.

They were conceived long before the war and were part of the normal peacetime development of British colonial policy.

The money would be devoted to research, building clinics, hospitals, schools and so on.

The Government also attached particular importance to giving assistance to works of economic development. These works would enable them to exploit to the maximum the natural resources of these territories which would place a colony in a position to finance out of its own resources the administrative and social services required.

Object was that the colonies should become as far as possible self-supporting units.—Reuter.

FREEDLANDER EXHIBITION

ART-LOVERS AND ANY WITH ANY PARTICULAR PRETENSIONS TO A KNOWLEDGE OR LOVE OF REAL ART, SHOULD MAKE A SPECIAL POINT OF NOT MISSING ERNE FREEDLANDER'S EXHIBITION OF 50 OIL-PAINTINGS, WHICH CLOSES AT 7 P.M. TO-DAY AND IS BEING HELD IN THE HALL OF ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

Some will definitely not like her work, but the artist does not ask for appreciation; she asks for understanding of her aims and work. The fact that many consider her to be Hong Kong's leading artist—some go so far as to say Hong Kong's *only* artist — should be a strong inducement to all interested in art to make a point of attending the exhibition.

The paintings are not photographic or realistic, but interpretive and poetic; they are of a type new to Hong Kong.

Those who have seen her earlier works, when she first arrived in the Colony, will be interested to note how the light and atmosphere of Hong Kong has changed her "treatment" to a marked degree.

BURNS PHILP LINE

Passenger & Freight Service To

AUSTRALIA

We have a vessel sailing for Saigon, Madang, Salamaua, Rabaul, Sydney and Melbourne About the End of May

Excellent passenger accommodation with a large number of single cabins at no supplement. Built-in Swimming Bath and Spacious Sports Deck.

Passenger & Freight Agents:—

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.

Telephone 28031 P. & O. Building.

TRAVEL A.-O. LINE

TO

AUSTRALIA

CALLING AT MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, ETC.

NEXT SAILING

EARLY IN JUNE, 1940.

For Freight or Passage, apply to :—

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE

Agents

Hong Kong, China & Japan. Tel. 30332

N.Y.K. LINE

IMMINENT SAILINGS

PASSENGER AND FREIGHT.

SHANGHAI, JAPAN	THIS WEEK
SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, via MANILA and Way Ports	NEXT WEEK
JAPAN	NEXT WEEK
LIVERPOOL, via SINGAPORE, BOMBAY, MARSEILLES, (CASABLANCA), etc.	EARLY JUNE
Shanghai, Japan, HONOLULU, SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES	FORTNIGHTLY
VANCOUVER AND SEATTLE	FORTNIGHTLY

FREIGHT ONLY.

NEW YORK via JAPAN, LOS ANGELES and PANAMA	THIS WEEK
CALCUTTA	NEXT WEEK
BOMBAY	EARLY JUNE

Complete Information from Your Agent or:

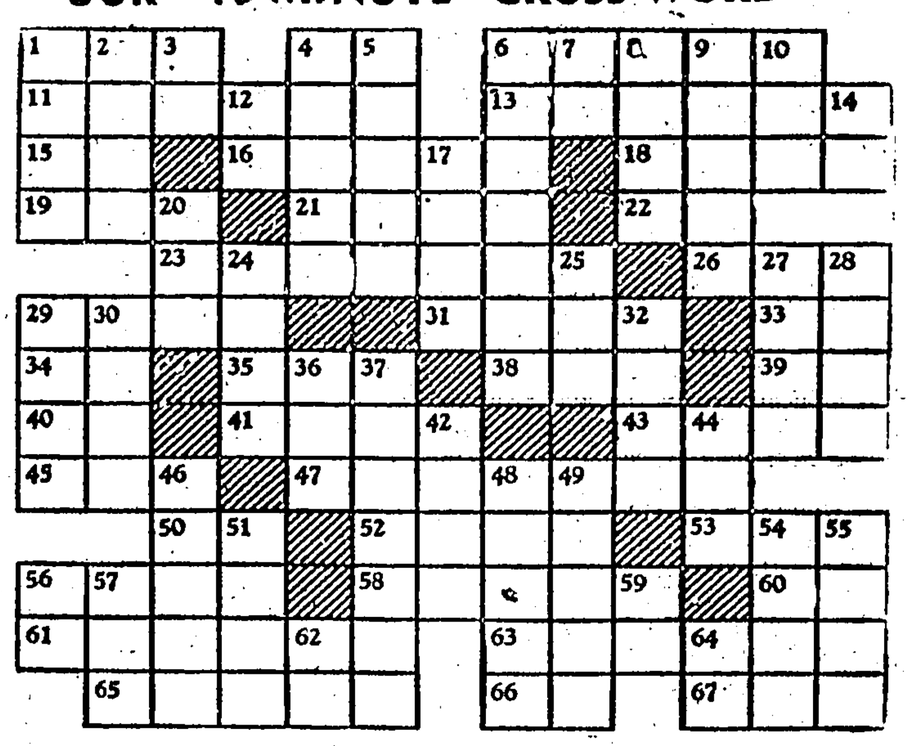
NIPPON YUSEN KAISYA

General Passenger Agents in the Orient for

CUNARD WHITE STAR LINE

N.Y.K., King's Building. Telephone 30291.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

1 Arabian garment
4 Part of "to be'
6 To sew loosely
11 To caper
13 Being
15 Sloth
16 Freight vessel
18 Wings
19 Gypsy
21 Egyptian length measure
22 Earth goddess
23 Agrees
26 Brown
29 Clamp
31 Elongated fish
33 Artificial language
34 Hebrew month
35 Ancient trading vessel
38 To colour
39 Pronoun
40 Symbol for nickel
41 To corner
43 Trick
45 Worm
47 Lecture
50 Symbol for tantalum
52 Biblical country
53 German river
56 Seed covering
58 Swift
60 Butterfly
61 Roman statesman
63 Absconded
65 To pilfer
66 Compass point
67 South American Indian

VERTICAL

1 South American armadillo
2 Music: vivacity
3 Cooled lava
4 Sour substances
5 Affray
6 Chided
7 Article
8 Male deer
9 Imbricated
10 Greek letter
12 Negative
14 Archaic pronoun
17 Sea eagle
20 Male
24 Dispatched
25 Furtive
27 Extinct ox
28 Head organ
29 Weathercock
30 Sacred bird
32 Hindu weights
36 Period of time
37 Civil War soldier
42 Icelandic literature
44 Custom
46 Assigned task
48 Cords
49 Novel by Rousseau
51 On the sheltered side
54 Appearance
55 Beverage
56 Because
57 Thing
59 To act
62 Symbol for calcium
64 Italian river

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

A	R	O	W		M	A	L	A		S	P	A
L	E	N	E		U	L	U	S		I	O	S
B	E	A	S	T	S		G	E		E	L	K
			T	E	E	D		M	O	S	E	S
S	P	L	E	N	D	I	D		E	T		
A	L	E	R	T		L	O	B		A	P	T
M	A		N	E	G	A	T	E	D		A	A
E	T	A		R	E	T		F	R	I	L	L
		F	A		M	E	T	E	O	R	I	O
R	A	F	T	S		D	O	L	L			
A	M	O		O	M		A	L	L	I	E	S
S	E	R		M	A	R	S		E	P	E	E
E	N	D		A	B	U	T		R	O	L	E

THE BLUE FUNNEL LINE

REGULAR AND FAST FREIGHT AND PASSENGER SERVICES

To UNITED KINGDOM PORTS

THREE WELL PLACED SAILINGS DURING 2ND HALF MAY

For dates and ports of call apply to Agents.

PACIFIC & NEW YORK SERVICES

Are maintained as hitherto.

Information regarding INWARD CARGO and all matters relating to freight and passage will gladly be given by —

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

AGENTS

Tel. 30332 1, Connaught Road, C.

O. S. K.

SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION

NEW YORK via Japan, Los-Angeles and Panama, Call Direct at Cristobal, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore	FIRST WEEK OF JUNE.
RIO-DE-JANEIRO, SANTOS, MONTEVIDEO & BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Colombo, Durban and Cape Town	THIRD WEEK OF MAY.
MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, DARESSALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, ALGOA BAY, CAPE TOWN & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS via Singapore & Colombo	THIRD WEEK OF MAY.
BOMBAY & KARACHI via Singapore, Penang and Colombo	FIRST WEEK OF JUNE.
CALCUTTA via Singapore Belawan Deli & Rangoon	
JAPAN PORTS	
KEELUNG via Swatow and Amoy..	TWO SAILINGS PER MONTH.
CANTON	EIGHT SAILINGS PER MONTH.

FOR FULL PARTICULARS PHONE 28061 OR APPLY TO **OSAKA SYOSEN KAISYA**

FOR **MODERN PHOTOGRAPHY**

KING'S STUDIO

WEDDING GROUPS SPECIALITY.

AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE USE.

TEL. 28755

ULSTER'S WAR FINANCES

London, To-day.

Northern Ireland will more than double her contribution to the Imperial Exchequer this year.

In a Budget statement yesterday, the Northern Ireland Minister of Finance estimated that £4,500,000 as against £2,000,000 last year would be handed over to the Imperial Exchequer.

He explained that a Purchase Tax and the proposal to limit dividends would be applied to Northern Ireland and that the revenue from the former would augment the Imperial contribution.

Mr. Andrews put the total estimated revenue at £20,006,000 and expenditure at £16,266,000.—British Wireless.

LOCAL DEFENCE SYSTEM

London, To-day.

Further details of the Local Defence Volunteer Organisation were given by the War Secretary in the Commons yesterday.

Mr. Eden explained that no establishment had been fixed, the numbers accepted depending upon the circumstances of each area and men joining will not be exempt from liability to be called up for National Service.

Mr. Eden said there would be no officers, or non-commissioned officers in the Army sense of these terms, neither would there be pay.

The force would be supplied with arms ammunition and uniforms, and he stated that a country-wide organisation was being put into operation.—British Wireless.

MISSIONARY WORK IN CHINA

London, To-day.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated in answer to a Commons question yesterday he understood there had been no interruptions of missionary activities in the province of Shensi.

Any steps to afford alternative medical and educational facilities provided by missionary bodies in Shansi and other Japanese occupied areas were supplementary to and in no way intended to replace those provided by the State.

He added a number of hospitals had recently been re-opened and it was hoped further progressive improvements would occur.

Mr. J. J. Davidson (Lab) asked if British policy regarding this matter was one of complete neutrality and if so would the Minister keep in mind what Mr. Churchill had said in regard to neutrals.

INSINUATIONS

Mr. Butler expressed inability to follow all Mr. Davidson's insinuations but could say our policy was to secure improvements wherever possible.

Asked about the Chinese Embassy claim to have recently won one of the greatest victories in the war, Mr. Butler said the Chinese Ambassador had recently communicated reports of that character.—Reuter.

PANDIT NEHRU OPPOSES CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE

ALLAHABAD, TO-DAY.

PANDIT NEHRU, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS, STATED IN AN INTERVIEW AT A PRIVATE MEETING OF THE UNITED PROVINCES CONGRESS COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY THAT HE WAS OPPOSED TO THOSE WHO WANTED TO START CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE OF THE DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPE.

Mr. Nehru said the war situation distressed him because he did not wish to see the Nazi domination of Europe.

Nevertheless India's attitude was not determined by the war situation but by Britain's attitude to India and the refusal to recognise her independence.

Mr. Gandhi had said, continued Mr. Nehru, that the present suspense could not long continue. Events were forcing the pace, but to time India's actions chiefly because of England's peril was wrong and not belittling India's policy of truth.—Reuter.

TIENTSIN TRANSPORT MONOPOLY

London, To-day.

Mr. I. C. Hannah (Cons. Bilston) asked in the Commons yesterday whether the Japanese army authorities at Tientsin own seven-eighths of the capital of transport companies in which they have created a monopoly.

He also asked whether for the movement of goods into and out of the British Concession, $15 was the hourly charge for hire of a lorry; that lorries were deliberately detained at the barriers for from a day to two weeks until sufficient hire revenue had been earned to satisfy the Japanese military authorities the amount being determined in advance by the nature and value of the cargo; and would the Under-Secretary draw the attention of the Japanese Government to this unjustice to British interests.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that the Foreign Secretary was causing enquiries to be made. — Reuter.

LONDON STOCK MARKET CHEERFUL

London, To-day.

The Stock Exchange was cheerful yesterday, with gilt-edged securities attracting small buyers and prices finally went higher. Far Eastern bonds and bank shares recovered. Industrials and home rails were mainly better.

In the commodities the rubber market was quiet during the afternoon despite the announcement of no change in the export quota for the remainder of the current year.

Wall Street was heavy.—Reuter.

COMMONS DISCUSSES CHINA SITUATION

London, To-day.

There has been no recent change of importance in the general situation in China, declared the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, in the House of Commons yesterday in reply to a question.

He added that some fighting, in which both sides claimed success, had taken place in central China.—Reuter.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 27/32.

Silver was quoted at 22-9/16 spot and 22-7/16 forward.

The cross rate London/New York was quoted at £—U.S.$4.0250 and the New York/London rate at US.$3.17.

PRESIDENT LINER Sailings

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE
To
SAN FRANCISCO & LOS ANGELES
Via Shanghai, Japan & Honolulu
ROUND-WORLD SERVICE
To
NEW YORK & BOSTON
Via Manila, Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Suez, Port Said, Alexandria, Naples, Genoa.

★ ★ AMERICAN ★ ★
PRESIDENT LINES

"ROUND-WORLD SERVICE."

AGENTS FOR T.W.A. AND UNITED AIR LINES.

12, Pedder Street. Telephone 28171.

INDO-CHINA
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.
OPERATING SERVICES FOR
CARGO and PASSENGERS

TO—SWATOW, SHANGHAI, TSINGTAO, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN
KOBE and OSAKA
SINGAPORE, PENANG and CALCUTTA
SANDAKAN, HAIPHONG

All steamers berth alongside the Roosevelt Terminal in the French Concession at Shanghai, where passengers and cargo are landed.

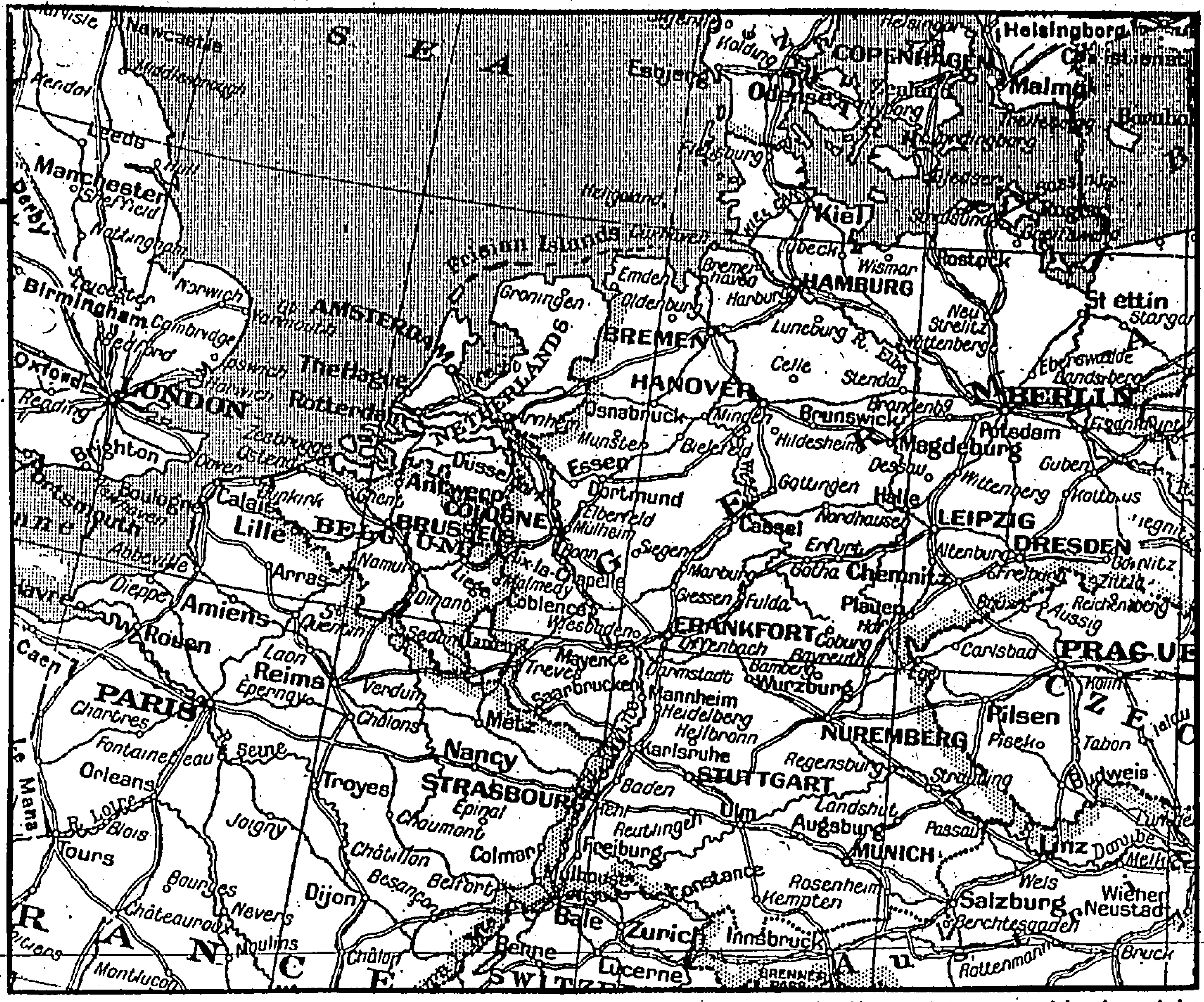
For Further Particulars Please Apply To —
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
GENERAL MANAGERS.
TELEPHONE — 30311.

Thorough cleanliness inside as well as out will do much to keep a child free from the many health troubles which may afflict the young.

To ensure internal cleanliness and the sturdy development that results therefrom there is nothing better than an occasional administration of Baby's Own Tablets, the laxative medicine originated by a children's doctor especially for their use.

The Tablets are mild in action, pleasant in taste and suitable for the youngest infant as well as for older children. Obtainable at all chemists,

BABY'S OWN TABLETS.
KEEP CHILDREN CLEAN WITHIN.



The relation of Abbeville, Amiens and Arras, towns mentioned in the latest graphic despatches from France, to the British Isles and the Channel ports is shown in the map above.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE MEETING

HARDLY THE TIME FOR FORECASTS

"I THINK YOU WILL AGREE that the present is hardly a time to indulge in forecasts of any kind. I can only hope that when we meet again next year it will be in happier circumstances," said Mr. T. E. Pearce, acting chairman, at the annual meeting of the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., to-day.

Mr. Pearce took the chair in the absence of Mr. J. J. Paterson, who is indisposed. He was supported by Messrs. D. E. Clark, A. H. Compton, M. K. Lo, and J. H. Taggart, directors. Mr. Pearce said:—

The statement of accounts for 1938 which we now present to you, is I am pleased to say an appreciable improvement on that for 1937, the balance of $1,228,070.67 being better by $316,308.24 despite the fact that income from premium and interest fell by over $636,000. A comparison of ratios reveals losses at 54.27% for 1938 as against 69.63% for 1937, while the rise to 30.20% from 26.43% in respect of charges is but the natural sequence to the drop in premium. The underwriting surplus, after twenty-four months working, was 15.53% as against 3.94% for the year 1937 at the same stage. Interest shows a decline of $93,-133.11, mainly due to the continued shrinkage in the sterling value of the China national dollar.

The balance at credit of working account, 1939, as at December 31 last, stood at $1,888,906.34 and although this is less by $285,920.10 than the carry forward for account 1938 at the same stage, we are hopeful that the elimination of certain unsatisfactory business will result in the outturn, at the end of the current year, comparing not unfavourably with that for 1938. This account likewise discloses a fall in interest of $69,000) when compared with the account for 1938, also at the end of twelve months.

FALL IN ASSETS

A review of the balance sheet will show that the total of assets has fallen by H.K.$1,358,571.78 or £84,203-2-11, as expressed in Sterling; this contraction, as explained by the chairman last year, is due very largely to the loss sustained on our holdings of Shanghai mortgages and debentures, which still continues both as regards market price and exchange, and also to London claims attaching to earlier years which have made severe inroads into the underwriting suspense account. I am pleased to say that the position in the latter respect has now been almost entirely liquidated.

The reinsurance fund remains at approximately the same figure as last year, while the investment and exchange fluctuation account and underwriting suspense account reveal decreases of $601,811.82 and $803,773.-06 respectively.

All investment and mortgage loans have been included, as customary, at—or under—market price or face value respectively.

REDUCED DIVIDEND

The surplus to be dealt with for the 1938 Account is $1,228,070.67 out of which has been paid an interim dividend of $5 per share. We now recommend a final payment of $7 per share—making in all $12 per share—which will absorb $600,000 and the transfer of the balance of $628,070.67 to underwriting suspense account to close 1938 and previous years. This represents a reduction of $1 per share in the dividend and much as we regret having to advocate it, we feel shareholders will agree that, in view of the heavy shrinkage of over $93,000 —or nearly $2 per share—in income from interest, this course is but wise.

The balance of $1,888,906.44 at credit of the 1939 Account allows of the payment of an interim dividend of $5 per share for that year, leaving an amount of $1,638,960.-44 to be carried forward.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Messrs. D. E. Clark, A. H. Compton, M. K. Lo, T. E. Pearce, J. H. Taggart and S. T. Williamson were re-elected to form, with the chairman, the consulting committee for the current year, while Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-appointed auditors for the year at a fee of $1,500 each.

Dieting Dot says her weightiest problem would be solved if some kind scientist would discover how to remove the calories from a piece of chocolate cake.

THEFT OF SCRAP

Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed on Lau Hung, 30, by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for the theft of 36 pounds of scrap iron from the Government Store.

Defendant was found in the compound at about 9.30 p.m. yesterday, with the iron in his possession.

SPIRIT OF MERCHANT NAVY

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE SPIRIT OF THE MERCHANT NAVY HAS NEVER BEEN BETTER, SAID MR. RONALD CROSS, MINISTER OF SHIPPING, AT THE ANNUAL CONGRESS OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF SEAMEN YESTERDAY. TELEGRAMS WERE SENT PLEDGING LOYAL SUPPORT TO THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE LABOUR MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT.

At the beginning of the war, said Mr. Cross, the Merchant Navy was subjected to violent and ruthless attacks by the enemy. In spite of this, there has never been any difficulty about getting ships to sail.

They could not have a healthy industry without proper conditions and pay for the men. He would endeavour to see that the Merchant Navy as a whole got a square deal—owners, officers and men.—Reuter.

EXCHEQUER RETURNS

London, To-day.

Exchequer returns show total ordinary revenue at £111,384,022 for the period April 1 to May 18.

This compares with £90,488,281 for the period April to May 20 last year.

The total expenditure for these two periods is £316,525,422 and £153,-741,466.

The revenue derived from income tax is almost twice as great as a year ago and on the expenditure side that allocated to the supply services has risen from £113,356,000 to £274,-711,000.—British Wireless.

CAUGHT INSIDE VICTORIA BARRACKS

Lau Chun-wan, 21, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, with stealing a wallet and other property of Signalman Harrington, at Victoria Barracks.

At about 3.45 a.m. yesterday, defendant was found by L. Cpl. Carter hiding inside the barracks. The articles were found in his possession.

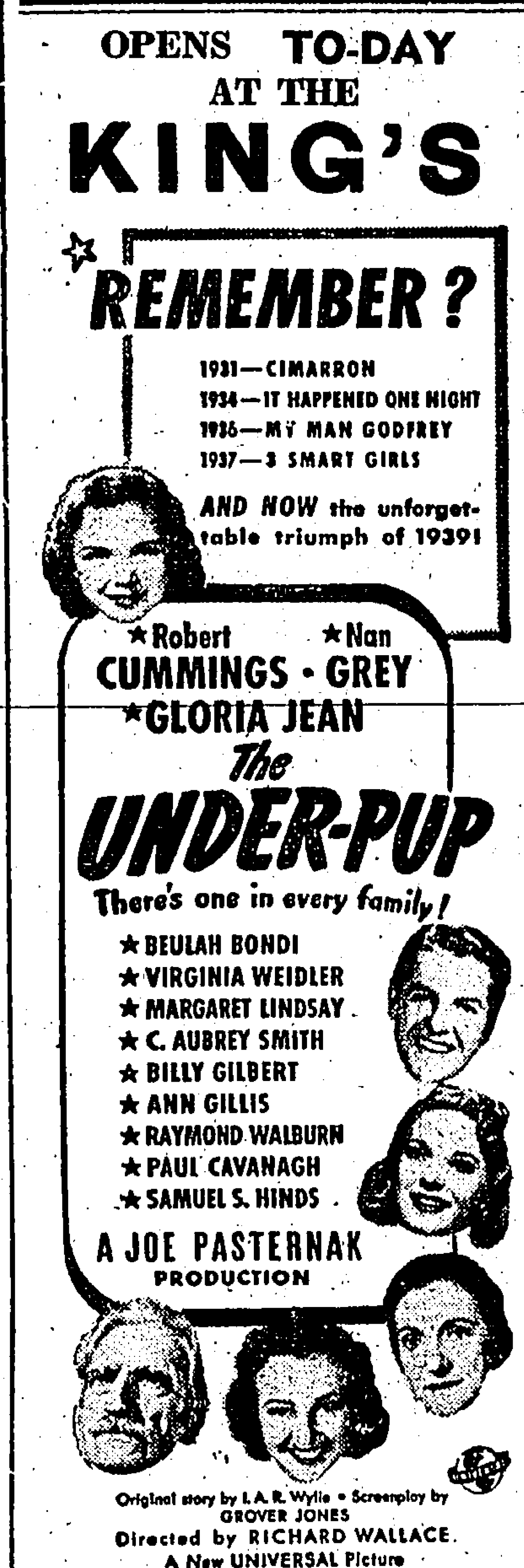
Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed.

MAINTENANCE CASE

Before Mr. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning Lindamira Rocha summoned her husband Carlos Passos Rissola Rocha, of 29 Ashley Road, for

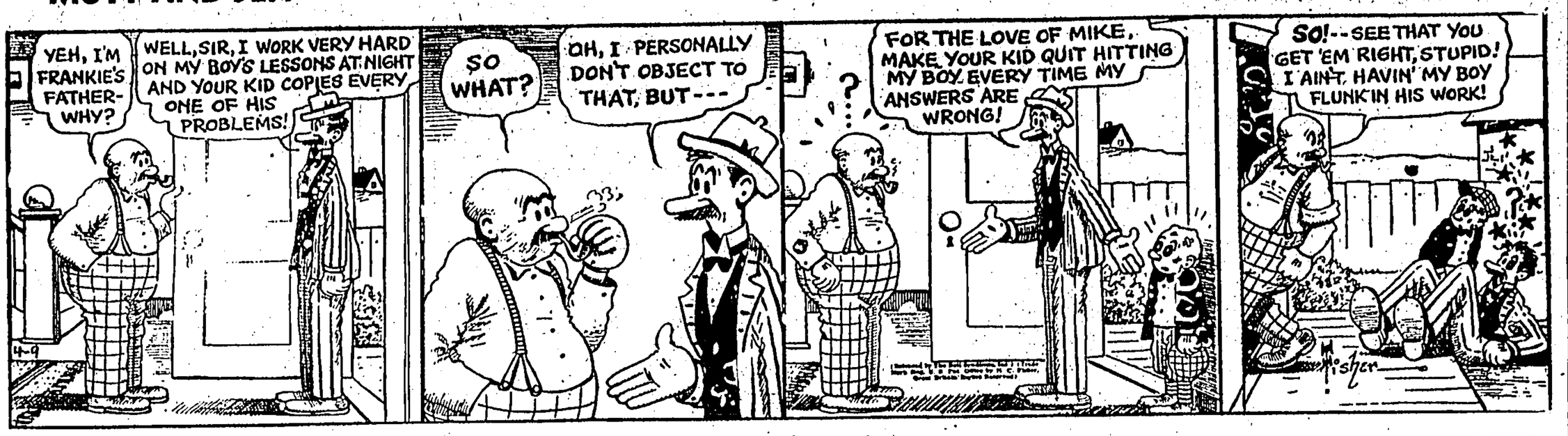
1, Desertion from March 1934;
2, Failure to provide reasonable maintenance as from March of this year.

Complainant was represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva, who asked for a week's remand, which was granted.



MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



To-day's Wireless

Irish Programme

Tonoff Trio

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M. 9.52 Megacycles

6.00 p.m. — Schumann — Overture "Manfred", Op. 115. The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.

6.14 p.m.—Schumann—Trio in D Minor, Op. 63. Cortot (Piano), Thibaud (Violin), and Casals ('Cello).

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Songs by Elisabeth Schuman (Soprano).
The Bird In The Forest (Taubert, adapted by Karl Alwin); What I Have (Bavarian Folk Song—Bohn) .... with Orchestral accomp.
Pastorale (arr. Lane Wilson); My Lovely Celia (arr. Lane Wilson)....with Piano accomp. by George Reeves.

7.00 p.m.—Albert Sandler and His Orchestra.
Prelude (Haydn Wood).
For Love of You (from the film).
The Second Serenade (Heykens).
Song of the Nightingale (Hudson & Allbout).
The Land of Smiles—Patiently Smiling (Lehar); You are My Heart's Delight (Lehar).
Trouble In Paradise (Schwartz & Others).
Yvonne (Nicholls).
Maruschka (De Lour).

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Orchestral Selections.
Legende (Dvorak, Op. 59, No. 3).....Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra.
Slavonic Dance No. 14 in B Flat Major (Dvorak); Slavonic Dance No. 15 in C Major (Dvorak)....Czech Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Vaclav Talich.

8.14 p.m.—Studio—The Tonoff Trio playing Dumky Trio, Op. 90 (Dvorak).
1st Movement: Lento maestoso.
2nd Movement: Andante.
3rd Movement: Andante moderato.
4th Movement: Allegro.
5th Movement: Lento maestoso.

8.45 p.m.—Studio—"Poets"—1: Spenser. The first of a new series of talks by Father Ryan, S.J.

9.05 p.m.—English Ballads.
Thank God for a Garden; Homing (Teresa del Riego).
O Dry Those Tears; Happy Song (Teresa del Riego).
I Still Love Mary (Sievier & Ramsay).
....The Hon. W. Brownlow (Baritone) with Orchestra.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 p.m.—Magazine Feature Programme No. 3. Recording of talks by a South African doctor with a balloon barrage, by a skipper who fought off Nazi bombers, and by a trawler expert who discusses war on the British economic front.

9.45 p.m.—An Irish Programme.
Rose of Tralee (Spencer & Glover); Macushla (Rowe & Macmurrough)....John McHugh (Tenor) with Orchestra.
The Ould Plaid Shawl (Fahy & Haynes); Green Isle of Erin (Bingham & Roeckel) ....Michael O'Higgins (Baritone) with Orchestra.
Ned O' The Hill; Limerick Is Beautiful .... Seamus O'Doherty (Tenor) with Orchestra.
The Maid of the Sweet Brown Knowe (arr. Josephine Smith)....Seamus O'Doherty (Tenor) with Orchestra.
Let Erin Remember the Days of Old (arr. Clifford Page)....George O'Brien (Tenor) with Orchestra.
The Star of the County Down (arr. Hughes)....John McCormack (Tenor) with Piano accomp. by Gerald Moore.

10.13 p.m.—Dance Music.

11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"Matters of Moment".

11.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

Winning CONTRACT

(By The Four Aces)

David Bruce Burnstone, Merwin D. Maier, Oswald Jacoby, Howard Schenken . . . World's leading Team-of-Four, Inventors of the system that has beaten every other system in existence.

COURTING TROUBLE

While a two-suiter is a nice hand to have, the holder should beware of bidding too strongly on one when his partner is obviously weak. For instance:

North, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

North: ♠ 10 9 8 5 2 ♡ 10 4 ◇ 9 7 6 5 3 ♣ 7
West: ♠ J 6 3 ♡ J ◇ A K 10 4 ♣ K 10 8 6 4
East: ♠ A K Q 7 ♡ Q 9 8 7 2 ◇ Q J ♣ 3 2
South: ♠ 4 ♡ A K 6 5 3 ◇ 8 2 ♣ A Q J 9 5

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♡	Dbl.
Pass	2♠	3♣	Pass
3♡	Dbl.	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Most players would open the bidding with the East hand, but he got better results by his pass. South's opening one-heart was quite sound. West's double was shaded, but East's bid of two spades was justified. At this point South should have kept still and given up any hope of playing the hand as Declarer. If he had kept still, the opponents in all likelihood would have played the hand at four spades—a contract which could have been beaten on double-dummy defence and might well have been defeated anyway. In any event, the best East and West could have done was to score a non-vulnerable game.

HIGH CARD VALUES OF THE FOUR-ACES SYSTEM
ACE... 3
KING.. 2
QUEEN 1
JACK... ½
TOTAL VALUE OF PICKED AVERAGE HAND 6½

As it was, West opened the Jack of hearts. Declarer won with the King, laid down the Ace of clubs and followed with the Queen. West covered; Declarer ruffed in dummy and led a spade. East won and laid down the Queen of hearts. South won with the Ace and played the Jack of clubs. East trumped, cashed his two high trumps and played a spade. Declarer ruffed for his fifth trick, but now lost the rest and hence was down 1,100 points.

* * *

With both sides vulnerable, you were Merwin Maier's partner yesterday and held:

♠ A
♡ K Q x x x
◇ K x x
♣ K x x x

The bidding:

Burnstone	You	Schenken	Maier
1♣	(?)		

ANSWER: Your correct bid is one heart. Although you have a fine hand, there is little chance that you can make game unless partner can make some voluntary bid. Furthermore, if you double, the chances are that you will get an unsatisfactory spade response.

Score 100% for one heart, 40% for double, 30% for pass (this is a poor trap pass).

QUESTION NO. 416

You are Howard Schenken's partner, both sides are vulnerable and again you hold:

♠ A
♡ K Q x x x
◇ K x x
♣ K x x x

The bidding:

Burnstone	You	Jacoby	Schenken
1♣	1♡	Pass	2♡
Pass	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

REFEREES ABANDON CLUBHOUSE PROJECT

At the meeting of the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association last night it was decided to abandon the drive for funds for the new Clubhouse for the time being and that $500 of such money be donated to the B.W.O.F.

It was also decided that all future whist drives and social functions would be for the B.W.O.F.

The meeting accepted with regret the resignation of Mr. D. M. Mitchell, chairman, from the Association. The Hon. secretary was instructed to write to Hong Kong Football Association in connection with the recommendations regarding fees and appointments.

The referees will ask that the Football Association agree to an appointment secretary. Mr. M. Minnihan was appointed the Referees' nominee in the event of this request being granted.

SCALE OF FEES

The scale for referees' fees for next season will be submitted as follows:—For First division games and early Shield ties $10 per match; for semi-finals, finals and representative charity and Interport games, $15; For semi-finals and finals of the Junior Shield $10; for Second and Third Division and Junior Shield, early rounds, $5.

Linesmen are to be paid $5 per game for First Division and important games and $3 for Second Division matches.

HOME FOOTBALL

London, To-day.

In a North-Western League match yesterday Burnley, at home, beat Barrow by 2 goals to nil.—Reuter.

In the HONG KONG HOTEL
DINNER DANCE
NIGHTLY 9 P.M. TILL 1 A.M.
TEA DANCE
SUNDAYS 5 TILL 7.
THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

AQUATICS

Aroma Of Soap And Liniment Ushers In Swimming Season

New Lighting System At North Point

SOUTH CHINA BEAT 5TH. A.A. BTY. IN WATER POLO OPENER

By "NATATOR"

EVIDENCE THAT THE swimming season is here, may be noted from the fact that the beaches at North Point are gradually crowding.

Once more the welcome aroma of soap and liniment pervades the locker rooms. The sheds are a boon to the Chinese community as they are most conveniently situated, taking only 20 minutes to reach by tram or bus.

Notice has been given to the various clubs by the Authorities to the effect that the sites will be reclaimed, but official action has been suspended.

The lighting has also had the attention of the authorities, with the result that the whole system has had to be changed.

I have been informed that this step has been taken owing to the danger of the lights, which are suspended over the pools, falling on to the swimmers.

NO TROUBLE HITHERTO

These lights are spread over the water by a system of pulleys, and on windy nights they are hauled in and dismantled.

They are also inspected periodically, and, as far as I can remember, no accidents attributable to these lights have occurred.

The old lighting system provided an even spread of illumination over the pools, and were sufficiently bright for competitions. For the present, however, the lights are to be fixed at the ends of the pools, and, although they serve the purpose to some extent, they are not nearly as good as formerly.

Water polo will be the most affected, as the lights at the end of the pitch shine into the eyes of the players when the ball is thrown to even a very small height, making it hard to spot. Visiting teams will be severely handicapped when playing games at nights, as even the old system was found to be inconvenient. The home teams should in due course get over the strangeness of the glare, and will settle down to normal.

South China Beat A. A. Gunners

On Sunday last the South China Athletic Association water polo team entertained a contingent from 5th A.A. Battery, R.A. the match resulting in a narrow win for the former by the odd goal in seven.

In spite of the threatening weather, the usual large crowd of spectators turned out, both teams being well supported.

Although there were few occasional minor fouls, the "duckings" were taken with smiles; and throughout the game a spirit of sportsmanship prevailed.

A return game has been suggested, when both sides will field "A" and "B" teams. The date has not yet been fixed definitely, but the first week in June has been suggested.

Being the first game of the season for both teams, form was not very brilliant, and, although there were some brilliant shots, on the whole, both sides were guilty of wild shooting.

Molyneaux, a newcomer to the Battery, did sterling work in the forward line, but was not well supported by his pivot man, Vasco. Although the latter was instrumental in scoring twice for his side, many shots were wasted as a result of his recklessness.

In defence, "Ginger" Page was a tower of strength, and was ably supported by Yabsley, right back.

Page had Henry Sa, the South China star forward, so well under control, that even with his formidable back-hand, he only scored once for his side.

To the Artillery custodian, on his first appearance in that capacity, credit must also be given for limiting the goals to four.

The South China side took things rather too easily in the second half of the game, scoring only once, and nearly losing the game when the Gunners applied pressure towards the end.

Lee Ki-yeung, at centre-half, played a very good game, his distribution to the forwards being very accurate, but erratic passing between the forwards lost them many a chance.

Lionel Lo, left-winger, was guilty of "loafing," and although he had many opportunities, he was never cleared the guards to score.

Ho Yuk-kwan, with Kwok Chiu, in the defence, spoilt many chances for the Gunners, but towards the end, the former appeared to be "puffed". Choo Siew Hong, regular goal-keeper was unable to turn out, being on duty in a Government Department, and had to be replaced by Tang Sek-hung, reserve goalie, who played a fairly safe game, but gave away too many corner throws when he could have cleared easily.

KEW SCORES TWICE

In the first half, Tommy Kew, the Chinese centre-forward, got the ball, but lost it as soon as Molyneaux came up to the half way line. The first three minutes of the game was a ding-dong affair, until Kew broke away from Yabsley, to score from five yards, and another minute later Kew broke through again to score with a back hand which had Withal beaten all the way.

After this Artillery changed their tactics and kept close guard on Kew, but Kwok Chiu swam all the way up from the back and added to the score. In the closing minute of the first half Molyneaux retaliated with a goal, which the Chinese custodian held but fumbled. Score first half: South China 3—5th Battery 1.

South China got the ball again in the second half, and Henry Sa scored for the Chinese after 30 seconds of play. Vasco had by this time settled down to finding the goal, and scored twice more before the whistle went. Final score: South China 6—5th Battery 3.

South China: Tang Sek-hung, Lee Ki-yeung, Kwok Chiu (1), Henry Sa (1), Tommy Kew (2), and Lionel Lo.

5th Battery: Withal, Yabsley, Page, Vasco (2), Rafferty, Molyneaux (1), and Gibling.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

Baseball

ON Sunday last the Sappers made history in their baseball tilt with Chung Hwa. This is the first time that an all-British team has taken part in a local baseball League. Dare we say that it is the first time a British Army team has ever played League baseball? Thanks to the great show put up by "Flash" Radcliffe, "Bernard" Shaw and Foley, the Chung Hwa by no means had the game all their own way. The score, 12—5 against the Sappers, was certainly not bad for a first timer. Many squaddies will be eagerly watching the fortunes of the Engineers in this League and we wish them the best of luck. Who will be next for the ranks of the baseballers?

* * *

Albuhera Day

THE "Diehards" celebrated Albuhera Day by staging a miniature Olympic Games. For a day the sportsmen of the unit, relieved of regimental duties, became Grecians and vied one another with all the enthusiasm of the ancients.

* * *

Hockey

HIGHLIGHT of the day was the Inter-mess Hockey Tournament. In the first round the Sergeants beat the Officers and the Privates gained the verdict over the Corporals. The final was a hard fought match between Privates and Sergeants. Led by "Ginty" Sheehan, who was ably assisted by Hynes and Johns, the Privates proved themselves more than a match for the Sergeants despite the good play of Perry.

* * *

Rifle Shooting

SUNDAY saw the last shoot of the Hong Kong Rifle Association season. The Military were well represented among the prize winners, the Royal Engineers Rifle Club winning the team shoot from the Royal Air Force. Among the outstanding shots were Lieut. Le Seeleur, of the Sappers, Bandsmaster Kifford and C/Sgt. Hale, both of the Middlesex. Among the winners of the Handicap Spoons was Private J. Scott, of the Royal Scots.

* * *

Steers Cup

MIDDLESEX Regiment fired their annual shoot for the Steers Cup last Wednesday. Once again C/Sgt. Hale proved his prowess with a "bond-hook" by winning the competition for the third year in succession, Lieut. G. Dawson coming a close second this year. The competition is for aggregate scores with aperture sight rifles.

* * *

Swimming Gala

TEAMS representing the Royal Scots, The Middlesex and the Royal Corps of Signals will be participating in the Invitation Free Style Relay Race which will take place at the swimming gala to be held in the "Y" swimming pool next Saturday evening. Later, on the same evening, the Foreign "Y" will be opposed to an Army team in a water polo match.

* * *

Water Polo

THE first Water Polo match to be played in the Victoria Barracks Swimming pool will be a friendly between the Medical and Service Corps. Other units too are arranging practice matches and the 12th Bty. R.A. will be seen in action to-night (Wednesday) against the European "Y" in the "Y" Pool at 6.30.

* * *

Tennis "A" League

THE Royal Engineers, playing good tennis, completely "whitewashed" the Royal Scots in their "A" League Match, Sgts. Megson and Denyer serving up some particularly good tennis. The only Scots pair to extend any of the Sappers were Lieut-Col. McDougall and Capt. Douglas. The Medical Corps had an easy 8—1 victory over the "Diehards. In this match the best pair were Lieut.-Col. Smith and Major Harrison, while Sgt. Webb and Cpl. Milne, too, had an easy passage through all three sets. Lieut. Guest and Pte. Mellor won the only set for the Middlesex in defeating Cpl. Musson and Cpl. Reynolds by six games to nil.

MANILA PREPARING FOR VISIT OF EASTERN

Manila, May 18.

The dates for the special three-game football series between the Eastern Athletic Association and Coach Dionisio Calvo's Philippine soccerites, who will make the trip to the Japan Memorial Games, were announced yesterday. Arrangements for the series were completed early this week upon the receipt of a cable from the Hong Kong football officials accepting the P.A.A.F. invitation.

The opening game will be played on Wednesday, May 22, while the second contest will be staged on Friday, May 24, and the third and final match will be played on Saturday, May 25. The games are set to start at 8.30 o'clock in the evening at the Rizal Memorial Football Stadium.

The Eastern are scheduled to arrive by the Clipper.

Members of the Philippine eleven have not been selected yet, but Coach Calvo expects to pick them early next week. At present there are 20 candidates trying out for berths on the team.

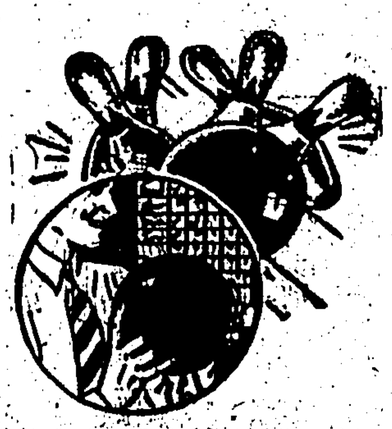
Local football fans are looking forward to a close and exciting competition in the forthcoming series. The Chinese are a fast-travelling combination and boast of a strong forward line. Lee Tack Kee, centre-forward, and Hau Ching-to, outside-left, are two of the best Chinese footballers ever to play in Manila. In their recent series with local teams, these two forwards paced their team to victories against La Salle Football Club, University of Santo Tomas, Letran Football Club, La Granja and an Yco-La Salle combination. Only the Yco football eleven was able to beat the Chinese in their first visit winning by the count of 1 to nil.

Coach Chito Calvo's wards are expected to give the Eastern stiff opposition this time. The 20 candidates on the team represent the best of the field of Philippine booters. They have been in training for the last four weeks and should be in good trim now. They are scheduled to sail for Japan on Sunday, May 26, together with the baseball and wrestling teams.—"Manila Bulletin."

Next Week's Visitors

The Manila contingent arrive here on Tuesday and provided they stay in port sufficiently long, arrangements could be made by the local Football and Baseball Association for an exhibition game in both sports.

It is feared that a wrestling bout is out of the question! (Sports Ed.)



LEARN TO BOWL FOR HEALTH AND FUN!

We'll give you lessons any day or evening in this popular, congenial, and easy-to-learn sport. Bowling keeps your body fit and mind alert and provides you with a congenial pastime. Try it to-day!

HONG KONG BOWLING ALLEYS

Lockhart Rd. Tel. 24800

LEAGUE TENNIS

LEONARD AND LEE IN FORM: BARRETTO STRENGTHENS RECREIO

ALTHOUGH THE STEADY drizzle on Monday evening and the early part of yesterday morning made it extremely unlikely that any tennis would be possible, two matches in "B" Division of the Tennis League were played yesterday.

At Happy Valley, Craigengower Cricket Club had an easy passage at the expense of Kowloon Cricket Club, while Recreio won easily against Army Tennis Club at King's Park.

Kowloon, without Frank Grose and Donald Anderson, were able to offer little resistance to the Valley team for whom Joe Leonard and H. W. Lee were in irresistible form.

This pair went through two sets without dropping a game and only in their second engagement of the afternoon did they lose two games.

Lai's steadiness and H. N. Wong's powerful forehand driving enabled that pair to win three sets, while Howard and Kitchell, showed considerable improvement over their form of their last match and won two sets.

Except for White and Capell, who played very steadily, the Kowloon players were very disappointing and never looked like winning any of their sets. The conditions were frightful, however, and this probably upset their play to a certain extent.

BARRETTO STRENGTHENS TEAM

With C. A. Barretto, a potential "A" Division player, turning out in partnership with A. M. Rodrigues in the absence of L. A. Carvalho, Recreio gave a much improved display in beating Army.

This pair, in winning all three sets, paved the way for an odd-set victory. Oliveira and Reed, who did so well in their previous game, were right off form and were only able to win one set, as did B. T. Gosano and A. E. Xavier.

The fixture between South China and C. R. C. having been postptoned earlier, and other matches being washed out, the matches mentioned above were the only two played.

K.C.C. v C.C.C.

At Happy Valley, Craigengower Cricket Club defeated Kowloon Cricket Club by 8 sets to 1.

W. K. Lee and J. W. Leonard (C.C.C.).
beat N. A. E. Mackay and R. T. Broadbridge ..... 6—2
beat G. A. White and R. S. Capell 6—0
beat D. Hung and R. E. Lee ..... 6—0

W. J. Howard and A. Kitchell (C.C.C.).
beat Mackay and Broadbridge ..... 6—4
lost to White and Capell ..... 5—7
beat Hung and Lee ..... 6—3

H. N. Wong and G. Lai (C.C.C.).
beat Mackay and Broadbridge ..... 6—2
beat White and Capell ..... 6—3
beat Hung and Lee ..... 6—2

RECREIO v A.T.C.

At King's Park, Club de Recreio beat Army Tennis Club by five sets to four.

A. M. Rodrigues and C. A. Barretto (Recreio).
beat Lt.-Col. Smith and Capt. Hyde 7—5
beat Col. Newnham and Capt. Loch 6—3
beat S/Sgt. Webb and Sgt. Megson .. 6—2

M. A. Oliveira and W. A. Reed (Recreio).
lost to Smith and Hyde ..... 4—6
lost to Newnham and Loch ..... 3—6
beat Webb and Megson ..... 6—3

B. T. Gosano and A. E. Xavier (Recreio).
lost to Smith and Hyde ..... 3—6
lost to Newnham and Loch ..... 4—6
beat Webb and Megson ..... 6—4

POSTPONEMENTS

All other matches were postponed.

GRAPHIC GOLF

GOLF TREND IS YOUTHWARD

BY BEST BALL

Golf is no longer the 'old man's game' it was characterized back in the early part of this century. As a plain matter of fact, golf to-day belongs to the youth of the nation insofar as the big competitions among the professionals go. The amateur contingent too, appears to be getting younger though once in awhile an old-timer, as golf age goes, does come through. Golfers to-day train for the game with the same seriousness of purpose and conditioning that features other sports such as baseball and track. To figure in the money one must be on the top of his game but also in top condition. The number of new names that figure in the golf headlines to-day is surprising; the player who makes his livelihood at the sport just cannot afford to neglect any item which might prevent his reaching the charmed circle and to a great degree this means the stamina and condition of youth.

The trend to youth in this sport occurred when Francis Ouimet, astounded England and electrified United States by winning the National Open title in 1914 in a playoff with Vardon and Ray. Ouimet, who learned golf the hard way, graduating from one club to a mastery of many, largely on a makeshift links in his backyard personified all American youth in this contest. The dramatic finish in which the youngster played shot for shot along with the two renowned British golfers, and won started an enthusiasm for the game that has not yet reached its peak.

Next Article:—The Correct Backswing

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

Following is to-day's "C" Division tennis programme:—

C. R. C.	v	A. T. C.
S. C. A. A.	v	C. D. R. "A"
C. B. A.	v	K. T. G. C. A.
H. K. U. T. C.	v	K. I. T. C.
H. K. P. S. A.	v	K. C. C.
C. D. R. "B"	v	J. R. C.

LAWN BOWLS TEAMS

K.B.G.C.

Following teams have been selected to represent Kowloon Bowling Green Club in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday:—

First Division (v C.S.C.C. at Away):—T. Armstrong, D. W. Waterton, H. White, A. J. Hall (skip); G. W. Deacon, J. C. Gill, J. G. Meyer, G. H. Sherriff (skip); W. L. Walker, W. Harrower, A. Hydelay, A. M. Holland (skip).

Second Division (v Taikoo R.C. at Home):—E. F. Pope, V. C. Dixon, F. A. Cheesman, R. Duncan (skip); H. Bicknell, L. Sykes, E. V. Searle, H. Lockhart (skip); A. Morton, H. E. Drew, E. A. Atkins, L. Guy (skip).

Third Division (v K.F.C. at Home):—E. Scard, S. C. Walker, C. Wallis, K. C. Hamilton, (skip); H. Spong, C. E. Langley, P. A. Peckham, L. Jordan (skip); G. W. Elphick, G. S. Hammond, W. H. Organ, J. S. Dinnen (skip).

CLUB DE RECREIO

The following have been chosen to represent Club de Recreio in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday:—

First Division ("A" team v I.R.C., Home):—L. F. Xavier, F. X. Soares, R. F. Luz and H. A. Alves (skip); L. J. Silva, C. M. Silva, J. V. Ribeiro and F. X. Silva (skip); J. A. Luz, C. E. Marques, F. V. Ribeiro and C. G. Silva (skip).

First Division ("B" team v P.R.C., Home):—C. C. Pereira, D. C. Alves, A. P. Guterres and B. Basto (skip); F. A. Machado, C. M. Basto, C. Roza Pereira and J. J. Basto (skip); C. F. Vas, A. P. Pereira, C. Lopes and J. E. Noronha (skip).

Second Division (v C.S.C.C., Away):—M. Alarcon, A. F. Noronha, A. Rodrigues and O. P. Remedios (skip); P. M. N. Silva, J. A. Remedios, A. M. Xavier and P. Yvanovich (skip); F. A. Xavier, H. R. Pinna, E. M. Remedios and E. Souza (skip).

COLONY CHESS

Following matches in the Colony Chess Championship were played last week:

D. E. de Carvalho beat A. Kurrik; K. M. A. Barnett beat V. V. Kalatchoff; Sir H. Pollock beat A. Birlukoff; K. Weiss beat L. Blair.

The positions of the competitors are:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
K. M. A. Barnett	15	12	1	2	12½
E. Zimmern	12	10	1	1	10½
D. E. de Carvalho	15	10	1	4	10½
K. Weiss	14	9	1	4	9½
Sir H. Pollock	16	8	3	5	9½
B. S. Litvin	14	8	0	6	8
A. Kurrik	13	4	2	7	5
A. Birlukoff	16	4	2	10	5
V. V. Kalatchoff	16	1	1	14	1½
L. Blair	15	1	0	14	1

Neglect of COMMON ILLS MAY MEAN days of suffering

WHOLE days of suffering, and in many cases weeks of anxiety and pain can be definitely avoided by the simple action of taking 'ASPRO.' When people realise what a wonderful medicine tablet 'ASPRO' is—how it soothes pain—how it reduces feverishness, and how, after ingestion in the system, being a solvent of uric acid—an internal antiseptic—an anti-pyretic or fever reducer—and a powerful germicide, it strikes at the cause of numerous complaints, then much suffering will be avoided—much illness prevented.

'ASPRO' IS THE SAFE MEDICINE

Sole Agents:—DODWELL & CO., LTD.
Obtainable at all Chemists and Drug Stores.
Three Packings: 5's, 11's 27's.

LH5

The China Mail

Ninety-Fifth Year of Publication.

3A Wyndham Street, Hong Kong.
Telephones 20022 & 20011.
London Office:
7, Garrick Street, London, W.C.2.

Notice To Contributors.

All communications intended for publication should be addressed to the Editor, and be accompanied by the Writer's Name and Address, not necessarily for insertion but as a guarantee of good faith.

Subscription Rates:

3 Months	H.K.$ 9.00
6 Months	H.K.$18.00
One Year	H.K.$36.00

Postage Abroad Extra.

COMPANY MEETINGS

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 16th April, 1940.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on FRIDAY, the 24th MAY, 1940 commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, No. 35, Hankow Road, Kowloon.

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

comprising:—

Teakwood Dining Room, Bed Room, Drawing Room and Office Furniture, Cutlery, Porcelain, Glass, Brass, Aluminium and E. P. Ware, Pictures, Mirrors, Looking Glass, Wall Clocks, Bird Cages, Filters, Electric Table Lamps & Fans, Irons and Heaters, Gramophones & Records, Ornaments, Curios, Ice Chests, Cooking Utensils, Cabin Trunks, Enamel Baths etc., etc.

also

A Quantity of Blackwood Furniture

and

One Teakwood Bed Room Suite.
One Electric Refrigerator "G.E."
One Fine Italian Marble Statue.
One Fine Italian Marble Lamp.
One Upright Piano by "Moutrie".
Two Tientsin Carpets.
Three Radio Sets.
One F3.8 Lense by "Wollensak Rochester" for Portrait.

On View from Thursday, the 23rd. May, 1940.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, 21st May, 1940.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE SIXTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 25th MAY, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $5.00 for Gentlemen and $3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920.).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is $1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 20th May, 1940.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY.
THERAPION No.1
THERAPION No.2
THERAPION No.3
No. 1 Cures Discharges. No. 2 Cures Blood Poison. No. 3 Cures Chronic Weaknesses. English Price 3s. Chemists, or either No. return Mail, DR. LE CLERC Med. Co. Haverstock Rd. N.W.5. London.
DR. LE CLERC'S PILLS for the Liver & Kidneys—weak kidneys & bladder.

BRASSO
METAL POLISH
GIVES BRILLIANCE AND SPARKLE TO METALWARE
20

FOR SALE

HONG KONG DOLLAR DIRECTORY 1940 EDITION. — On sale at all Bookstalls and at the Offices of the Publishers, 3A, Wyndham Street.

THE - - - - -
OVERLAND
CHINA MAIL

PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

contains all the general and sporting news of the week.

Order Your Copy Now.

China Mail Office . . . . . 3A, Wyndham Street

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA

Incorporated by Royal Charter, 1853.

Paid-up Capital	£3,000,000.
Reserve Fund	£3,000,000.
Reserve Liability of Proprietors	£3,000,000.

HEAD OFFICE: LONDON:
38, Bishopsgate, E. C. 2.
Sub-Agencies in London:
117/123, Leadenhall Street, E. C. 3.
West End Branch:
14/16, Cockspur Street, S. W. 1
Manchester Branch:
52, Mosley Street, Manchester, 2.

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES:

Alor Star	Hankow	Penang
Amritsar	Harbin	Rangoon
Bangkok	Hongkong	Saigon
Batavia	Iloilo	Seremban
Bombay	Ipoh	Shanghai
Calcutta Agencies:	Karachi	Singapore
Clive Street	Klang	Sitiawan
Fairlie Place	Kobe	Sourabaya
Canton	Kuala Lumpur	Taiping
Cawnpore	Kuching	Tientsin
Cebu	Madras	Tongkah (Bhuket)
Colombo	Manila	Tsingtao
Delhi	Medan	Yokohama
Haiphong	New York	
Hamburg	Peiping (Peking)	

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for One Year or shorter periods in Local or Other Currencies at rates which will be quoted on application.

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS also opened in Local Currency and Sterling with interest allowed at rates obtainable on application.

The Bank's Head Office in London undertakes Executor and Trustee business, and claims recovery of British Income Tax overpaid, on terms which may be ascertained at any of the Angencies and Branches.

R. A. CAMIDGE,
Manager.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LTD.

HEAD OFFICE:
15, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C.3.

Authorised Capital	£3,000,000
Subscribed Capital	1,600,000
Paid-up Capital	1,050,000
Reserve Fund & Rest	1,254,630

BANKERS:
The Bank of England & Midland Bank, Ltd.

BRANCHES:

Bangkok	Ipoh	Kuala Trengganu
Bombay	Jaffna	Madras
Calcutta	Kuantan	New York
Colombo	Kandy	Penang
Delhi	Karachi	Rangoon
Galle	Kota Bharu	Shanghai
Hong Kong	Kuala Lipis	Simla
Howrah	Kuala Lumpur	Singapore

HONG-KONG BRANCH

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

TRUSTEE AND EXECUTORSHIP UNDERTAKEN.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in Local Currency and FIXED DEPOSITS received in Local Currency & STERLING on terms that may be ascertained on application.

D. BENSON,
Manager

THE WING ON BANK, LTD.

Head Office: Hong Kong.
26, Des Voeux Road, Central.
Authorised Capital $10,000,000
LONDON BANKERS:—
Westminster Bank, Ltd.

Foreign Exchange and every description of banking business transacted.

Current Accounts and Savings Accounts opened. Fixed Deposits received at rates which will be quoted on application.

Safe Deposit Boxes for hire.

PHILIP GOCKCHIN,
Chief Manager.

HONG KONG HEIGHTS

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published.—

Island	Feet.
Victoria Peak	1823
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1734
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Tram Station	1305
Taikoo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (filterbeds)	297
Mainland	**Feet.**
Taimoshan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

Authorised Capital	$50,000,000
Issued and Fully Paid-up	$20,000,000
Reserve Funds:—	
Sterling	£ 6,500,000
Hong Kong Currency Reserve	$10,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors	$20,000,000

HEAD OFFICE: HONG KONG.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
H. V. Wilkinson, Esq., Chairman.
Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, Deputy Chairman.

J. K. Bousfield, Esq., K. S. Morrison, Esq.,
A. H. Compton, Esq., T. E. Pearce, Esq.,
Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, C. C. Roberts, Esq.,
G. Miskin, Esq., Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields

Sir Vandeleur M. Grayburn.
Chief Manager.

BRANCHES:—

Amoy	Iloilo	Penang
Bangkok	Ipoh	Rangoon
Batavia	Johore	Saigon
Bombay	Kobe	San Francisco
Calcutta	Kowloon	Shanghai
Canton	Kuala Lumpur	Singapore
Chefoo	London	Sourabaya
Colombo	Lyons	Sungei Patani
Dairen	Malacca	Swatow
Foochow	Manila	Tientsin
Haiphong	Muar (Johore)	Tokyo
Hankow	Mukden	Tsingtao
Harbin	New York	Yokohama
	Peiping	

Current Accounts opened in Local Currency and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods in Local and other currencies on terms which will be quoted on application.

ALSO up to date SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES in various sizes TO LET.

Hong Kong, 28th February, 1940.

HONG KONG SAVINGS BANK

The Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

FOR THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 1st March, 1937.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

Authorised Capital	$10,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital	5,598,600.00
Reserve and Undivided Profits	2,983,261.50

HEAD OFFICE:—HONG KONG
10, Des Voeux Road, Central.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:—
Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Chairman; Li Koon Chun, Esq., P. K. Kwok, Esq., Wong Yun Tong, Esq., Chan Ching Shek, Esq., Li Lan Sang, Esq., Wong Chu Son, Esq., Kan Ying Po, Esq. and Fung Ping Wah, Esq.

Kan Tong Po, Esq., Chief Manager.
Li Tse Fong, Esq., Manager.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:—

Amoy	Manila	Seattle
Batavia	Melbourne	Samarang
Bombay	Nagasaki	Shanghai
Calcutta	New York	Singapore
Haiphong	Paris	Sourabaya
Hankow	Peiping	Swatow
Honolulu	Penang	Sydney
Kobe	Rangoon	Tientsin
Kowloon	Saigon	Vancouver
London	San Francisco	

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Loans granted on approved securities.

Current Accounts opened in Local Currency and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods in Local and Foreign Currencies on terms which will be quoted on application.

Safe Deposit Boxes To Let.

KAN TONG PO.
Chief Manager.

Just Received
FRESH SUPPLY
of the best varieties of
RELIABLE and TESTED
FLOWER AND VEGETABLE
SEEDS
from
Sutton & Sons Ltd., Reading

GRACA & CO.
Dealers in Garden Seeds, Philatelic Goods, Picture Books etc.
No. 10 Wyndham Street
Established 1898. Hong Kong.

GERMAN SUBJECT FINED

A GERMAN SUBJECT WHO WAS INSTRUCTED TO REPORT HIS MOVEMENTS TO THE POLICE EVERY MONDAY BUT FAILED LAST MONDAY, WAS CHARGED UNDER THE EMERGENCY REGULATIONS BEFORE MR. E. HIMSWORTH AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING.

He was Roland Sanders, aged 61, residing at No. 3, Julia Avenue, and pleading guilty, he was fined $5.

Det.-Sgt. Morrison stated the police had a lot of trouble trying to locate Sanders after he had failed to report at Mongkok Police Station last Monday. He was finally found in his office.

Sanders stated that that day, after obtaining permission from the D.S.P. (K) and A.D.C.I., he visited a friend on board a vessel in the Harbour. On returning he felt very tired and went to sleep instead of making his report to the police.

CAMBRAI STILL IN ALLIED HANDS

(Continued from Page 1).

This abundant material formed an excellent target for the Allied air forces which bombed the German supply lines mercilessly.

The results of these attacks, said the military authorities, were magnificent.

The German air force, as well as tanks and infantry, incurred heavy losses.

The French air force continues to attack troops on the march while the R.A.F. concentrated on German positions in the Rhineland.

It has been ascertained that German reserves are concentrated along the Upper Rhine. It is believed these reserves amount to between 20 and 30 divisions, from which the Germans have already drawn three or four.—Havas.

POLICE INTERVENE

A fight planned between two rival societies, frustrated by the police, was mentioned by Det.-Sgt. Morrison before Mr. E. Himsworth this morning when Man Yiu, 24, and Choi Fai, 33, painters, were charged with possession of daggers without a licence.

The fight was to have been staged in front of the Mongkok Theatre that night, but was prevented by their arrest in Shantung Street.

The daggers were wrapped in a piece of newspaper and were found in Man's hand, while Choi was walking by his side in the street when the police arrested them.

Man Yiu was sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended for banishment, while Choi was discharged owing to insufficient evidence.

German Column Pulverised

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

According to reports here, a German motorised column has been "pulverised" by French tanks at Peronne, in the Cambrai/Somme area.—Havas.

German Air Losses

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Apart from 1,000 German planes destroyed previously, the British forces alone downed 65 German planes in the three days, May 17, 18 and 19. Many others were destroyed in Norway.—Havas.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin, To-day.

German troops claim to be able to see the Eiffel Tower, through their field-glasses.—Havas.

NATURAL . . . as near to Nature as is desirable are Sir William Crookes' lenses.

Something to offset the harmful glare is necessary but you don't have to have the whole landscape darkened like a rainy day to do that.

Wear Crookes and know what real eye-comfort means.

Lazarus OPTICIAN

STOP PRESS

TEL. 20022 or 33993

London, To-day.

British war correspondents who have been with the B.E.F. in France returned to England last night with a number of Americans and journalists of other nationalities. Among the reasons for their return is that cars used for their transport are now required for more urgent matters.—Reuter.

Ottawa, To-day.

Mr. Rogers, the Defence Minister, announces that a further contingent of Canadian troops has just arrived in England, including reinforcements for the First Canadian Division.—Reuter.

Performances by a couple of porpoises outside the V.R.C. attracted a large crowd to the waterfront this afternoon. They were both about ten feet long, and were swimming up and down continuously between the V.R.C. and Murray Pier.

London, To-day.

While not concealing the critical phase of the military situation, the newspapers this morning express absolute faith in the determination of the nation to face with stoicism the struggle ahead, however hard it may be.

All are convinced final victory will be brought about by this grim determination, backed by every ounce of energy.

The determination of the French people is also seen in M. Reynaud's speech which is described as courageous and realistic.

The "Daily Telegraph" says: Let the prospect be faced. Our country is now close to the front of battle. We shall know how to endure the worst that may come, defy it and strike back with increasing power. M. Reynaud's declaration that France would fight on to the end is answered by equal resolution in Britain. We are also unshaken in our confidence that the two great united nations and the Empires arrayed behind them cannot be beaten.

"The Times" says it is well we should contemplate the black side. Hope need never be abandoned in war while the forces remain in being. Referring to M. Reynaud's account of the mistakes on the Meuse, the paper says there is virtue in its very frankness and it does at least throw a different light on the legend of German invincibility under all conditions. Even if it should prove that this phase of the battle is, in fact, lost and that we have to make ready for that to follow, with all the disadvantages which its loss will have brought upon, we shall still face the enemy calmly and without flinching. There is no hint of faltering in the intensified struggle before us.

The "News Chronicle" declares that at such an hour there is only one virtue for us all, and that is courage, and only one vice, that is to breathe the word defeat. The Ninth Army met a reverse but the whole of the rest of France's magnificent fighting force remains intact and has not yet tried conclusions with the enemy.

The "Daily Herald" says the Allied forces are in a dangerous situation but let us give way to no exaggerated impulses of pessimism. Extremely formidable Allied forces are still in the field. If Weygand and the French and British Governments give leadership and decision in the spirit of M. Reynaud yesterday, the two peoples will show themselves capable of the superhuman effort that is needed.—Reuter.

ALLEGED FORGED DOCUMENTS

A 29-year-old broker, Leung Yin-keung, was charged before Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, with obtaining goods by means of forged documents.

Defendant pleaded not guilty.

It was alleged that on May 11, defendant obtained five sacks of white pepper from Yung Ching-yee at No. 217, Wing Lok Street, and 14 bags of dried sea product from Leung Fai at Bonham Strand West, by means of forged documents.

Hearing was fixed for May 30, at 2.30 p.m.

Detective Sergeant R. Mcvey is in charge of the case.

AT POWELL'S

NOW

AERTEX SPORT SHIRTS

IN NEW

PLAIDS OVERCHECKS AND

PLAIN COLOURS

MORLEY NOVELTIES

IN

CASHMERE AND "SUN TAN" TIES

RING CRAVATS

IN FACINATING DESIGNS

VIYELLA SPORTS SOCKS

IN COLOURFUL NOVELTIES

WILLIAM POWELL, LTD.

10, ICE HOUSE STREET.

Buy your

GENERAL ELECTRIC

MADE IN U.S.A.

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

FROM

ANDERSEN, MEYER & CO. LTD.

SHOWROOM • DAVID HOUSE • 69 DES VOEUX ROAD

Printed and Published for the Proprietors, The Newspaper Enterprise Ltd., by GORDON CADE BURNETT, 3A, Wyndham Street, Victoria, Hong Kong.